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Field Notes: The Un-Concert

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Reviews: *Matt Redman, David Crowder*Band, Switchfoot, Desperation Band, BarlowGirl, & more*



Don't have a vocal coach at your church yet? No problem. PraiseVocals provides professionally performed and recorded vocal harmony audio files of the melody, tenor and alto parts of the most popular and most recent praise and worship songs in the world. This comprehensive list is compiled from various sources including the CCLI Top 100 Chart as well as songs from other Christian music charts as surveyed by praisevocals.com.

WorshipFlow.com



A worship set with abrupt transitions, musical or otherwise, can draw attention to itself. Basically distract a congregation from keeping attention on God. Most congregations have forgiving hearts for the transition hiccups, but worship leaders can also do their best to keep the transitions smooth. And WorshipFlow can help. The process works like this: Click on the key you're coming from. Click on the key you're going to and WorshipFlow spits out a transition that makes sense, no matter how whacky the modulation.

Song DISCOVERY Song Check



We are going to take this chance for a shameless plug: Song DISCOVERY's Song Check is a pretty great resource. Of course it is one of our products so it's not technically on the "Best of the Best" list. But it's worth checking out. For 25 bucks, songwriters upload a song and get a critical analysis from a professional songwriter/producer. So if you were wondering about how to strengthen your latest masterpiece, Song Check is for you.



Apple Logic Studio 9

Logic Studio is Apple's flagship digital audio workstation. It includes a suite of applications and virtual instruments including a wide range of samples, guitar effects, a drum machine, vintage instrument models, digital and modeling synthesizers, and all six of Apple's Jam Packs. New in version 9 is Flex Time. Similar to Pro Tools' Elastic Audio, it allows users to dynamically stretch audio for correcting performance issues, to tighten up grooves, or varispeed entire songs. For live performance, Logic Studio's Mainstage has been upgraded to include track playback, a live loop recorder, better ReWire support and the ability to record an output.

Boss FRV

The BOSS FRV-1 is the sound of the classic 1963 Fender Spring Reverb in the typical BOSS guitar pedal form. Using their proprietary COSM modeling technology, the reverb controls include Dwell, Tone, and Mix. Yes, it's a digitally modeled reverb, but it's not at all "digital reverb" sounding. It's a warm, classic spring reverb for your guitar pedalboard.



Fishman SA220

The Fishman SA220 Solo Performance System is a lightweight, portable PA designed specifically for singer/songwriters. It's an all-in-one package that includes a speaker array, two mic/line channels with phantom power, 3-band EQ, independent reverb level control and separate effect loop, and an auxiliary stereo input with its own level control. It has D.I. XLR outputs for the individual channels and the main



mix for feeding a house system. It ships with a stand and a case and packed up with the stand weighs in at only 35 pounds!

Roland AT-500



Roland's AT-500 is a dual-manual organ with a big touch-screen display, built-in speaker system, and excellent pipe, theater and jazz organ sounds. You can also add in orchestral voices or one of the 195 built-in rhythms on the fly. The lower manual is a waterfall-style keyboard (like a Hammond B3). Also included is Roland's D Beam controller, harmonic bars for real time tone control and dual multi-function USB port for adding memory storage or a CD drive.

Same Page: Plan, Mix, Play

The recent addition of the online music library gives users the ability to schedule teams and build profiles much like an online planning service, but does so in the context of the same platform as the team's playlist notation and charts along with their personal-mix monitoring system. This one-box wonder delivers everything a worship band needs, all from a simple, reliable interface backed by a stellar engineering team and excellent product support personnel.



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