

## Yamaha MONTAGE / MODX "Magic Knobs Free" by EASY SOUNDS

"Magic Knobs Free" offers a selection of some of the Template Performances of the EASY SOUNDS product "Nostalgia", which is available in the [EASY SOUNDS Shop](#).

"Nostalgia" can be used to program analog synth sounds from scratch in an impressively simple way, ie "from scratch". This is done with only eight controls, namely the Assignable Knobs, which are referred to as "Magic Knobs" in "Nostalgia".

The Template Performances offer the possibility of editing starting from an initialized basic sound while maintaining full control over the sound. There is no complex and difficult to understand programming in the background. You can start like you are used to from an analog synthesizer.

While the Performances of Nostalgia are based on new User Waveforms and Samples, only Preset Waveforms are used in "Magic Knobs Free".

Each Template Performance is assigned a User Audition Phrase, which can be activated with the AUDITION switch, if you want to concentrate fully on editing with the "Magic Knobs".

In addition, the "SPP Template Videos" folder contains a total of six videos related to specific Template Performances, in which exemplary Knob movements are demonstrated.

In the 03-2021 issue of the MUSIC PRODUCTION GUIDE you will find an article on the new Magic Knobs concept, in which the Template Performances are discussed. The article refers to the videos.

Here you can browse the current edition and the history of all issues of the Music Production Guide:

<https://www.musicproductionguide.eu>

You can subscribe to the MUSIC PRODUCTION GUIDE with the newsletter function of the [EASY SOUNDS Shop](#).

**Please note the information on loading the "Magic Knobs Free" sound library on the next page!**

## Loading the Soundlibrary to MONTAGE / MODX

The soundlibrary can be loaded alternatively as User File (.X7U or .X8U) or as Library File (.X7L) to MONTAGE / MODX. The contents of both files is identical:

16 Performances, 25 User Audition Phrases.

If you received the files with download, after unstuffing you have to copy them to a USB flash drive before loading to MONTAGE / MODX.

This sound library requires MONTAGE operating system OS v3.5 (or higher) or the MODX operating system OS v2.5 (or higher).

Updates are available with following link:

[Yamaha MONTAGE Updater](#)

[Yamaha MODX Updater](#)

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### Important NOTE:

With loading the **User File** all user data of MONTAGE / MODX will be overwritten (User Performances, User Waveforms and Samples, User Arpeggios, Utility-Settings, User Live Sets). If you have stored any user data please save your data before loading files (UTILITY - Contents - Store/Save - Content Type „User File - Save As New File).

**With the exception of the "Auto Power Off" parameter, the Utility Settings are reset to the Factory Settings.**

User Performances can be freely edited and stored again.

With loading the **Library File** a new LIBRARY will be added. No available User data will be overwritten. The next free of the available **LIBRARY 1 – 8** will be used.

Library Performances can be edited, but not stored to the library. The edited performances must be always stored as User Performance.

Basically it is recommended to load the **Library File** first. Then you can be sure not overwriting something, if at least one of the eight libraries is still unused.

But if you have an intention to edit the Performances of the soundlibrary you should load the User File first. After editing you can save the changings as User File. Additional you can save it as Library File for using in LIBRARY 1 – 8.

### Loading the Library File:

- Copy the file „MagicKnobsFree.X7L“ or „MagicKnobsFree.X8L“ to a USB flash drive.
- Connect the USB flash drive (USB-Stick) to USB TO DEVICE at MONTAGE / MODX.
- Press UTILITY and select „Contents – Load“.
- Select the Content Type „Library File“.
- Click on the file „MagicKnobsFree.X7L“ or „MagicKnobsFree.X8L“.
- The display shows „Now Loading“.

*After loading you can select the Library Performances this way:*

- Press CATEGORY.
- Select the Bank "MagicKnobsFree" on top of the display.
- Select Main Category „All“. All of the new Performances can be selected in the original order (see Performance List).

## Loading the User File:

- Copy the file „MagicKnobsFree.X7L“ or „MagicKnobsFree.X8L“ to a USB flash drive.
- Connect the USB flash drive (USB-Stick) to USB TO DEVICE at MONTAGE / MODX.
- Press UTILITY and select „Contents – Load“.
- Select the Content Type „User File“.
- Click on the file „MagicKnobsFree.X7L“ or „MagicKnobsFree.X8L“
- Confirm with „Load“.

*After loading you can select the User Performances this way:*

- Press CATEGORY.
- Select the Bank „User“ on top of the display.
- Select Main Category „All“. All of the new Performances can be selected in the original order (see Performance List).

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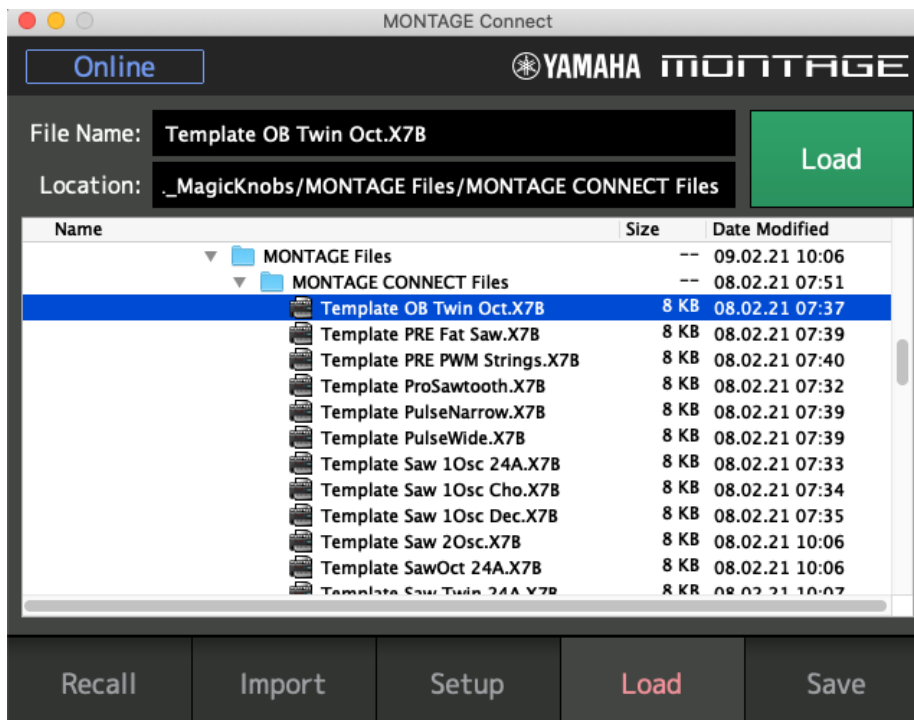
## Transferring the Performances with MONTAGE Connect / MODX Connect

The Performances can also be transmitted individually with the Yamaha tool "MONTAGE Connect" or "MODX Connect".

In this case it is not necessary to load the Library file or User file. However, the .X7B files for the Connect Tools do not contain the User Auditions.

Transfer the Performances in the "MONTAGE CONNECT Files" or "MODX CONNECT Files" folder simply with "Load". When "Auto Sync" is activated, the respective Performance is transferred directly to MONTAGE / MODX, but is initially only in the Edit memory.

If you like, you can save the transferred Performances with STORE on the device.



Here are the download links for MONTAGE Connect / MODX Connect:

[Download MODX Connect](#)

[Download MONTAGE Connect](#)

## Performance List

1	Template ProSawtooth
2	Template Saw1Osc 24A
3	Template Saw1Osc Cho
4	TemplateSaw1Osc Dec
5	Template SawOct 24A
6	Template Saw 2Osc
7	Template Square+Saw
8	Template SawTwin 24A
9	Template SawUni5
10	Template OB Twin Oct
11	Temp UniPro5 HiPa
12	Template Square KB
13	Template PulseNarrow
14	Template PulseWide
15	PRE Fat Saw
16	PRE PWM Strings

## User Auditions

1	SPP Poly1
2	SPP Poly2
3	SPP Poly3
4	SPP Poly4
5	SPP Poly5
6	SPP Poly6
7	SPP Poly7
8	SPP Poly8
9	SPP Poly9
10	SPP Chord1
11	SPP Chord2
12	SPP Chord3
13	SPP Chord4
14	SPP Chord5
15	SPP Chord6
16	SPP Chord7
17	SPP Chord8
18	SPP Chord9
19	SPP Lead1
20	SPP Lead2
21	SPP Lead3
22	SPP Lead4
23	SPP Lead5
24	SPP Arp1
25	SPP Arp2