SILK AND LOTUS

Dear Customer,

Thank you for choosing
Silk and Lotus!

This manual explains how
to use our library.
Additional information is available
on our website.

Enjoy,

FluffyAudio Development Team

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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8 or 10. Intel or Silicon Mac and Mac OS 10.5 or higher.
4 GB System Ram, 120 GB free on main system drive for installation (60 GB when installed).
Full version of Native Instruments Kontakt 5.8.1 or above is required.

_DISCLAIMER: DEMO Mode, Kontakt Player, Native Access

Please note that Silk and Lotus doesn't need a serial code nor can be added with Native Access. Thus, it doesn't run on the free Kontakt Player. For the same reason, FluffyAudio libraries do not appear in the left browser of Kontakt. Only Kontakt Player encoded libraries do appear in the left panel.

If you get a DEMO timeout message after 15 minutes of use, this means that you are running Silk and Lotus in Kontakt Player and not in Kontakt Full Version.

To know more about the differences between NI Kontakt Player and NI Kontakt Full Version checkout our FAQ.

For any issue, suggestion, tips and tricks or to know more about Silk and Lotus **do not hesitate** to contact us at **support (at) fluffyaudio.com**.

INSTRUMENTS

There are 8 instrument folders in Silk and Lotus with a total of 40+ .nki instruments:

- **Pads & Soundscapes**
  Blossom Trees
  Bouncing Plucks
  Butterflies
  Dynasty Tales
  Koh Tao
  Okinawa
  Sainshand Landscapes
  The Yurta
  Wooden Whisper
- **Percussion**
  Asian Percussion
  Forest Chimes
  Thai Gongs - Gamelan
  Thai Gongs
  Tibetan Bells
- **Vocals**
  Heidi - Legato A O
  Heidi - Legato Words
  Heidi - Oriental Legato
  Heidi - OrientalSustain
  Heidi - Phrases - A Min 90 bpm
  Heidi - Phrases - C Maj 120 bpm
  Heidi - Phrases - D Min 100 bpm
  Heidi - Phrases - G Pentatonic 70 bpm
  Heidi - Staccato

- **Strings & Plucked**
  DaRuan
  Erhu
  Guzheng
  Liuqin
  Pipa
  Oriental Strings
  Sanxian
- **Winds**
  Bamboo Xun
  Bawu
  Ceramic Xun
  Dizi
  DongXiao
  Hulusi
  Large Ceramic Xun
  Shakhuachi
  Thai Flute
  Thai Khaen
  Xiao - Phrases - D Minor - 100 bpm
  Xiao - Phrases - G Pentatonic - 70 bpm
  Xiao

THE INTERFACE
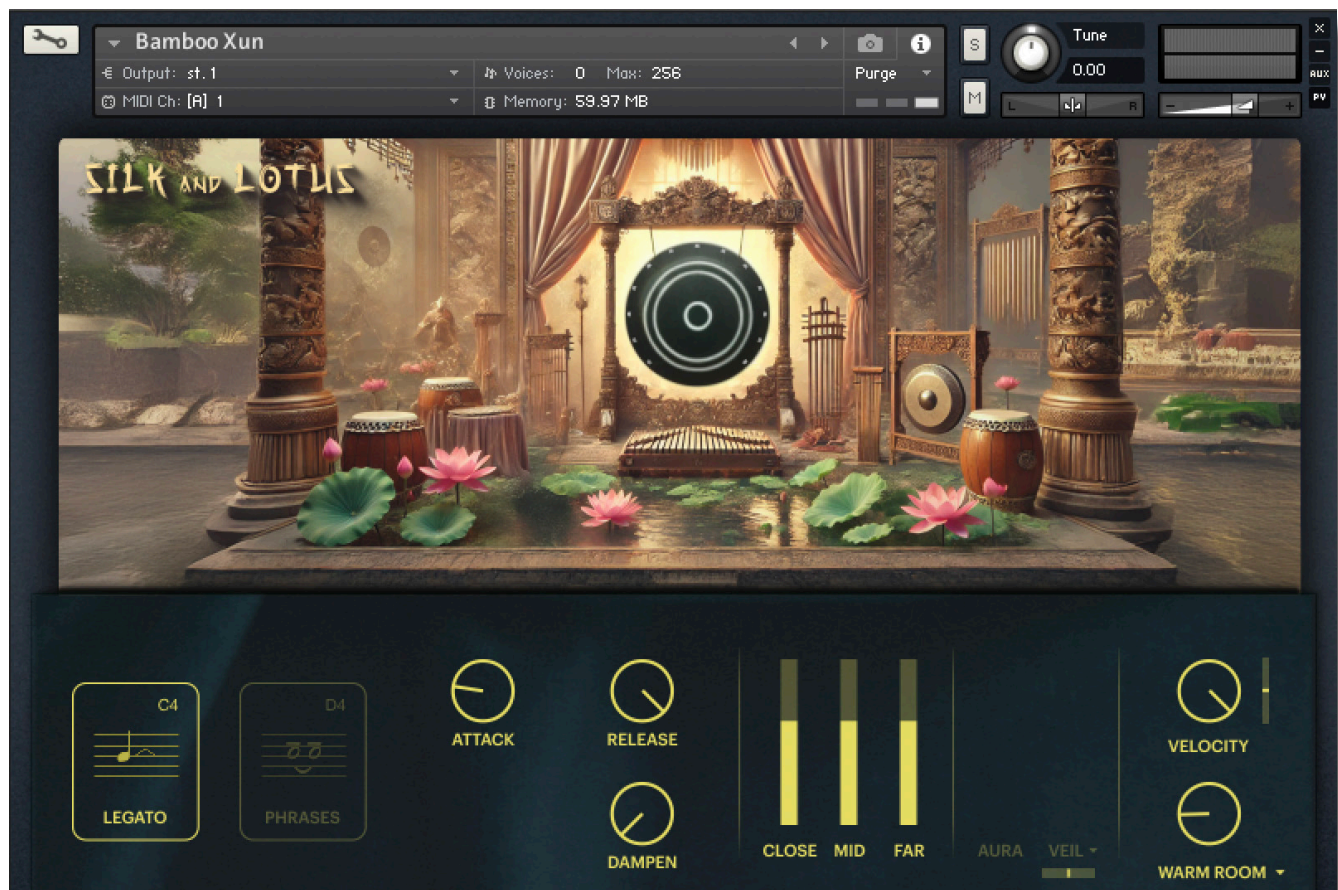
_ARTICULATIONS

On the bottom left you can select the different articulations available for that instrument. On the top-right corner of the articulation panel, there's a little note (in the above example it's C3). If you click on that note you can reassign the keyswitch for that articulation.

_INSTRUMENT CONTROLS

Next there are the controls available for the loaded instrument (in the example above DAMPEN and RELEASE are available).

Here's an explaination of all the instruments' controls available in the library:

ATTACK - Controls how fast is the attack of the instrument
DECAY - Controls how fast is the decay/release of the instrument
SYNC - Controls the timing of the patch: synced to the BPM of the DAW or with a freely adjustable speed
SPEED - Available when the timing is set to FREE
DAMPEN - Applies a low-pass filter to the sound
RELEASE - Controls the volume of the release samples
TRANSPOSE - Allows to shift the pitch of the patch in steps of 1 semitone
KEY LEVEL - Allows to set the maximum volume of the current key
KEY RANGE - Allows to set the dynamic range of the current key

_MICROPHONES

Every instrument has three main mic positions: CLOSE, MID and FAR.

You can adjust the slider to change the volume of the Microphones and you can click on the Microphone name to purge the microphone from memory.

_AURA and VEILS

On the majority of the instruments in the library there are two *special* microphones.

AURAs are sound-designed processings of the main instrument sound built using a variety of effects, guitar pedals and techniques. They are completely optional, but they can add a richer and interesting quality to the sound of the instrument.

VEILS are special swappable instrument layers that can add depth to your sound. These sounds are derived from AURORA and Venice Modern Strings and they can give a completely new quality to the sound of the instrument.
Under the VEILS menu there's a little slider. This sets the octave of the VEIL layer, between -2 and +2 octaves.

_VELOCITY and REVERB

The Velocity Knob sets the maximum velocity for the instrument. The little slider on the right of the Velocity Knob sets the Velocity Curve. By lowering or raising it, you can customize the velocity behavior to your playing style.

The Reverb knob sets the dry/wet amount for the selected reverb.
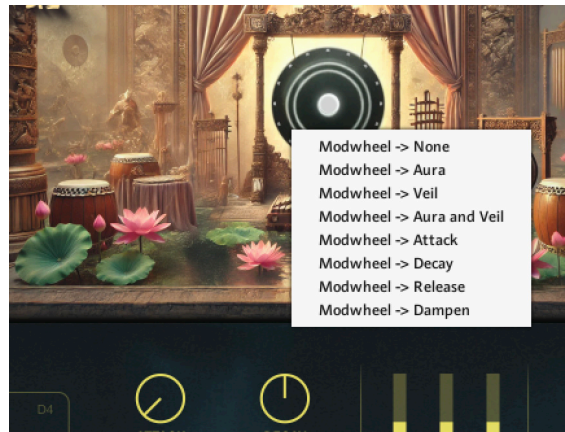
_The MAIN WHEEL

By clicking in the center of the main wheel you can set the Modwheel to control one of the controls available in the patch, or the Veil/Aura layers.

Tip: if there's no default Modwheel control for dynamics in your patch, you can assign the Mainwheel to the Dampen Knob.

CREDITS

Silk and Lotus was recorded by **FluffyAudio**, in many different places: Sotto Il Mare Recording Studio Studio,Ritmo & Blu Recording Studio, Italy, "Teatro Mondo Tre di Moglia" and "Officina Sonora del Bigallo".

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FluffyAudio was founded by Paolo Ingraito and Olmo Chittò.
It was then joined by Nicola Ziliani, Simone Mor.
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All the best,

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