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FREE from Vienna: Violin Runs

Vienna Symphonic Library releases string ensemble virtual instrument, free of charge

Vienna, May 24, 2022 – The Vienna Symphonic Library team is happy to announce the release of *Violin Runs*, a new library featuring string ensemble runs as a free gift for everybody. Having released their »HELLO« Free Instruments *Big Bang Orchestra – Free Basics*, *Fujara Flute*, *Soft Imperial*, and *Celestial Strings*, this is the fifth virtual instrument the Austrian company provides free of charge. Vienna's Free Instruments can be activated on an iLok key or on the user's computer without the requirement of a physical key.

There's a special quality to fast scales performed by an ensemble of string players. It's the simultaneous presence of precision and minimal random deviations in a well-rehearsed ensemble that creates the smoothness and vividness of string ensemble runs. So to increase liveliness and authenticity in a track, it may be better to use pre-recorded runs than creating a string run out of single notes. That's why VSL recorded octave runs performed by an ensemble of 14 violin players in all scales and modes, presented in the well-organized patch structure of the Vienna Synchron Player.

The ensemble was recorded in Vienna's second studio, the Silent Stage, which offers a tight, controlled ambience that lets users place these strings in any acoustic environment they can imagine, either with the onboard convolution and algorithmic reverbs included in the Vienna Synchron Player, or with any external effects plug-ins.

All runs are available in all minor and major scales as well as in Greek modes, always played upwards and downwards. What's more, they're all available in two variations: "Fixed runs" trigger a fast run as soon as a key is hit, landing on a long sustained note one octave higher or lower. "Perform runs" work differently: First a long note is played, and once the user presses a note one octave above or below, the run is performed toward that target note, which is then sustained again. It's also possible to create beautiful longer passages by connecting upwards and downward runs, or by adding variations through triggering only a part of the runs.

Using the Vienna Synchron Player's time stretching feature it is easy to adjust all runs to any tempo, and even accelerate or decelerate the runs in real-time using the stretch factor slider.

Preconfigured mixer presets offer various reverb lengths and placements as first or second violins. Preset names such as lush, bright, close, classic, distant, wide, retro, sentimental and many more not only illustrate the broad range of available sound characteristics, but also the capabilities of the Synchron Player's full-fledged mixer.

About the Vienna Symphonic Library

The Vienna Symphonic Library is an innovative, research-driven music software and sample library developer based in Vienna, Austria. The team continually strives to improve virtual orchestral music production with a special emphasis on authenticity and ease-of-use. **Vienna Instruments** and the **Synchron Series libraries**, the company's multi-award-winning virtual instruments in the formats AU, VST, and AAX Native, encompass an exhaustive range of solo instruments and ensembles, from their flagship string libraries *Synchron Strings Pro* and *Synchron Elite Strings*, *Synchron Pianos* including concert grands by Bösendorfer, Yamaha, Steinway and Blüthner, to special instruments such as the *Great Rieger Organ* of the Vienna Konzerthaus, historic wind instruments, drums and percussion, and even distorted guitar. Acclaimed software products include the **Vienna Synchron Player**, **Vienna Instruments Pro**, **Vienna Ensemble Pro**, **Vienna MIR Pro** and **Vienna Suite Pro**. In 2016, the company launched an entirely new venture: **Synchron Stage Vienna**, a unique scoring stage in Austria's capital that accommodates orchestras of up to 130 musicians, merges proprietary software innovations and revolutionary approaches with state-of-the-art recording technologies and procedures.

More information on Vienna Symphonic Library's products can be found at www.vsl.co.at.

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