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Marketing theme & tagline

Theme: *“Your gateway to the world of Cubase”*

Tagline: *“Personal Music Production System”*

About the Cubase family

Cubase is a household name in many parts of the world — a byword for musical creativity using a computer. First released in 1989, Cubase is the most successful music production system, having sold in almost countless numbers to musicians, producers and composers all over the globe. The Cubase philosophy puts the latest computer and audio technologies at the disposal of artists in a way that opens up new possibilities, allows musicians and producers to venture into new artistic territory and give their creativity free reign. Cubase really supports artists through every stage of music production, from the inception of the first fleeting idea through its development right into the final version, regardless of the task at hand.

The fifth version of the Cubase family condenses 25 years of Steinberg development into the most cutting-edge set of digital audio workstations anywhere, combining the best sound quality, intuitive handling and a vast range of highly advanced audio and MIDI tools for composition, recording, editing and mixing.

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The latest incarnation of Cubase Essential includes enhancements like the new PitchCorrect plug-in to automatically correct vocal intonation, Beat Designer to produce beats and rhythms in next to no time, over 700 instruments and sounds to kick-start your projects as well as many other exciting innovations.

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Cubase Essential 5 - Key features

- Based on the Steinberg Cubase advanced music production system used by professionals around the world
- Award-winning 32-bit floating-point Steinberg Audio Engine
- Up to 64 simultaneous audio tracks with 24-bit/96-kHz
- Superb audio/MIDI recording, editing and mixing application
- Complete suite of 33 audio and 17 MIDI VST effect processors, including PitchCorrect for vocal intonation correction and an extraordinary sounding AmpSimulator
- Over 700 instrument sounds for the included HALion ONE sample player and Prologue subtractive synthesizer
- AudioWarp system for time-stretching and pitch-shifting in real time
- MediaBay file and preset management system
- Streamlined score editing and printing feature set
- Cross-platform for Windows and Mac OS X Universal Binary

New feature highlights



On-the-fly pitch correction

The new PitchCorrect VST3 plug-in brings easy and automatic intonation control and scale correction of vocal and monophonic instrument recordings to Cubase. The advanced note detection and correction engine heals up any intonation without noticeable artifacts and preserves the sonic audio quality of the original performance.



Designer beats and grooves

Beat Designer is the hot new beat construction plug-in that really allows getting hands-on with beats for step programming and designing drum patterns in an easy yet powerful way! Beat Designer also works hand in hand with the MediaBay and the new beat pattern file type for an ultra-fast beat creation workflow.



More sounds for more music

- **A prologue to epic sound:** Prologue is an exceptional polyphonic subtractive synthesizer with incredible sound shaping capabilities. The included library features 330 designed sounds with that unique Prologue character — from cutting leads to earthshaking basses and ultra-expressive pads.
- **HALion ONE expanded:** Cubase Essential 5 Essential adds almost 240 premium instrument sounds for HALion ONE, including the entire HALion ONE Studio Set previously found in Cubase 5 and Cubase Studio 5 only.
- **Autopan audio-effect processor:** This creative new VST3 effect is the ideal way of using the stereo field imaginatively in songs and compositions.



Enhanced MIDI

- **MIDI loop support:** Users can build their personal custom MIDI part library and access thousands of pre-produced MIDI loops, including their unique and associated instrument sounds to fuel the artist's creativity.
- **MIDI effects reloaded:** All MIDI effects in Cubase Essential 5 have a fully redesigned user interface and extended functionality. Cubase Essential 5 also includes three new effects: MIDI Monitor, Apache SX and the Context Gate.
- **MIDI automation enhancements:** Cubase Essential 5 interfaces CC data with the Cubase automation, bridging the gap between part-based MIDI controller and track-based automation data routed to the same target. Now it's easy to use both systems side by side and handle

layered controller/automation data in a consistent way.



Smoother Workflow

- **MediaBay optimizations:** All aspects of MediaBay have been expanded and improved in Cubase Essential 5, including the visibility of existing media content, faster searching and browsing, and overall improved performance plus the introduction of the beat pattern file type for Beat Designer.
- **Refined editing:** Thanks to the new info-line, the Sample Editor now allows even faster access to the most important parameters.
- **Recording enhancements:** Cubase Essential 5 features new handy tools like the Remaining Record Time Display and the Lock Record function.
- **Virtual MIDI keyboard:** Made for mobile musicians in mind, Cubase now allows using the computer keyboard or the mouse to play virtual instruments or edit MIDI notes.
- **Low latency for all:** Cubase Essential 5 takes full advantage of the latest audio driver technologies in Microsoft Windows Vista and supports generic and on-board sound hardware with lower latencies than ever before.

3 Target groups

Cubase Essential 5 is the ideal entry-level Cubase edition from Steinberg for singers, composers, home-recorders, bands and electronic music producers. Based on the latest Cubase 5 technology, it assists musicians with every step of the music creation process: from the first idea through the arrangement to the final mix. In doing so, Cubase offers various tools to meet the individual needs: be it a recording engineer, rock guitarist, dance DJ, hip-hop producer, songwriter or film score composer, Cubase users are among the most successful professionals in the world.

Cubase Essential 5 can be used for a large range of music styles and areas of application. From singers and songwriters recording vocal lines to rock bands jamming in their rehearsal room, Cubase Essential 5 is as easy as it gets — with outstanding audio quality as well as flexible and time-saving recording and editing functionality

Singer/songwriter

Cubase Essential 5 is the ideal tool for singers and songwriters for recording vocal lines, preparing playbacks and creating entire songs. The PitchCorrect plug-in removes intonation problems in real time and shifts recorded vocals to the next note value on a defined scale. It's even possible to control each individual note in real time with a MIDI keyboard or by playing back notes from a MIDI track.

Cubase Essential 5 also offers exceptional virtual instruments and sounds that let you create professional-sounding accompaniments, be it a playback for vocal exercises or even an entire demo. To edit vocals, various effect plug-ins such as a high-quality EQ, compressor and reverb are readily available. If the singer accompanies vocals with guitar, it goes without saying that the guitar music can also be recorded and edited extensively in Cubase Essential, which also includes a top-notch virtual guitar amplifier exactly for this reason.

Composers

With Cubase, composers get also a software notation program for creating simple score layouts which can then be printed out in high quality. Thanks to the integrated HALion ONE sample player, the user has hundreds of sounds at ready at hand, including a slew of high-quality orchestral sounds played in different styles.

Cubase Essential 5 also allows for composing and syncing music to video. Video files of virtually all popular formats like AVI, MPEG and QuickTime can be displayed in a freely scalable video window within Cubase. The individual video frames are displayed as thumbnails in a video track, making it a whole lot easier to compose in sync with individual frames. Basic editing functionality, such as edit, cut and paste, are also readily available.

Beat producer

Cubase Essential 5 includes a ton of tools for the creative beat producer. By using the Beat Designer step sequencer, the user can quickly and intuitively program individual drum patterns with dozens of beats in different music styles.

Using MediaBay, it is possible to comfortably manage, categorize and listen in on all the drum samples, presets and loops. And with powerful AudioWarp tools, adjusting the imported loops to any song tempo happens at the flick of switch — perfect for remixing other projects.

The added effects provide everything needed to let beats sound punchier, louder and dirtier. Here the user finds high-quality EQs, compressors, limiters, distortion effects and tons more, not to forget the featured full side-chaining support.

Electronic music producer

Producers of all types of electronic music will instantly fall in love with the included exceptional rich-sounding Prologue virtual analog synthesizer and the stunning and numerous audio and MIDI effect processors available in Cubase Essential 5. Based on renowned synthesizer technology by VirSyn, Prologue's multi-mode variable resonance filters, powerful modulation capabilities and excellent onboard effects make it the perfect choice for any type of synth sound. Finally, the HALion ONE sampler player perfectly rounds out the rich sound spectrum of Cubase Essential 5.

The Arranger function allows the user to define different segments of the song as Arranger parts and play them back in any order — the ideal solution for live performances. And with outstanding tools like the Drum Editor and the Beat Designer step sequencer for programming quick and individual grooves, more than 30 audio effects for sound designing and mixing and 18 MIDI-effects, Cubase Essential 5 is truly a stunning application for all electronic music producers.

Bands

Be it in the rehearsal room or recording studio, recording bands with Cubase Essential 5 is as easy as it gets. Different recording modes and great tools help manage multiple takes. What's more, with 64 audio tracks at the user's disposal, recording, arranging and mixing large and comprehensive projects can be achieved with ease. Due to the integrated audio pre-record function, the user won't miss a single take (especially the really good ones) even when forgetting to activate the recording function. What's more, Cubase Essential 5 comes with PitchCorrect, a powerful tool for pitch and intonation correction, to automatically correct the vocal line after the recording.