



## Native Instruments releases KARRIEM RIGGINS DRUMS, their latest Play Series collaboration

The new release offers an abundance of kits and groove patterns from one of hip hop's pioneering drummers and producers



**Berlin, Feb 16, 2023** – Native Instruments today announced the release of KARRIEM RIGGINS DRUMS, the latest installment in the Play Series, built with pioneering drummer and producer Karriem Riggins.

A close collaborator with Kaytranda, Paul McCartney, H.E.R, Diana Krall, Kanye and many others, Riggins is celebrated for his unique and experimental approach to drumming and production, fusing his background as a drummer and producer across multiple genres.

KARRIEM RIGGINS DRUMS marks his first plug-in release, making it simple for producers to dial in his signature style of punchy and behind-the-beat drums.

The instrument features kits designed and recorded by Riggins during sessions in the renowned Studio 3 at Sunset Sound, Los Angeles.

Working with engineer Kyle Hoffmann, they created a palette of left-field drum sounds using guitar amps, reverbs, experimental mic placements, custom setups, and unconventional performance methods.

In addition to an array of one-shots and kits, the instrument packs a collection of MIDI groove patterns curated by Karriem himself, which users can customize using onboard controls or drag-and-drop into a DAW of choice for further editing.

“The KARRIEM RIGGINS DRUMS Play Series was created to inspire musical diversity,” said Riggins, “and explores how expansive the Law of Rhythm really is.”

In a first for Native Instruments, the interface of KARRIEM RIGGINS DRUMS was hand-painted in gouache on 56 x 76 cm paper and digitized by San Francisco-based artist Jason Jägel, whose work has appeared on covers for MF DOOM and Jahari Massamba Unit, as well as on large-scale public murals around California and beyond.

“I created a movie poster-inspired scene,” said Jägel. “Karriem’s music often feels cinematic, like it evokes its own world.”

“The color palette, setting, and narrative of my painting represent a place both futuristic and ancient, which is how I experience Karriem’s music and how his home of Detroit appears in my mind’s eye.”

In the KARRIEM RIGGINS DRUMS [walkthrough video](#), shot at Sunset Sound, Riggins goes deeper into the instrument, explains how he approached the project, and shows how producers can use it to create one-of-a-kind drum parts.

The release is also marked by the publication of [Behind the Sleeves](#), shot at Gold Line in Los Angeles, in which Riggins explores a collection of key records from his discography, recounting stories of his time working with J Dilla, Madlib, and most recently Steve Lacy.

KARRIEM RIGGINS DRUMS joins the ever-growing Play Series, a portfolio of sample-based instruments designed to be fast, fun, and easy to use with endless options for tweaking and shaping your sound.

Find out more about KARRIEM RIGGINS DRUMS [here](#).

### **Press Kit**

Find images for KARRIEM RIGGINS DRUMS [here](#).

### **Pricing and availability**

KARRIEM RIGGINS DRUMS is available from February 16, 2023 at the Native Instruments online [shop](#).

EUR 49 / USD 49 / YEN 6600 / GBP 44 / AUD 79 / CAD 69 / CHF 69 / CNY 349

### **About Native Instruments**

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Soundwise's mission is to make music and audio creation a more joyful and inspiring experience for creators everywhere by helping them to find, and stay in, their creative flow. Stemming from the union of iZotope with Native Instruments, and including Plugin Alliance, Brainworx, and Sound Stacks, Soundwise's collective vision is to inspire and empower creators to express themselves and reimagine the future of sound. Offering a world-class audio and music creation ecosystem, the brands under Soundwise have broad engineering capabilities across integrated software and hardware, AI and machine learning, cloud, and more.

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