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Quantum Leap Silk Virtual Instrument

Users' Manual

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

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Welcome

About EastWest

EastWest (www.soundsonline.com) has been dedicated to perpetual innovation and uncompromising quality, setting the industry standard as the most critically acclaimed producer of Sample CDs and Virtual (software) Instruments.

Founder and producer Doug Rogers has over 30 years experience in the audio industry and is the recipient of many recording industry awards including “Recording Engineer of the Year.” In 2005, “The Art of Digital Music” named him one of “56 Visionary Artists & Insiders” in the book of the same name. In 1988, he founded EastWest, the most critically acclaimed sound developer in the world, and recipient of over 50 industry awards, more than any other sound developer. His uncompromising approach to quality, and innovative ideas have enabled EastWest to lead the sound-ware business for 20 years.

In 1997 Rogers partnered with producer/composer Nick Phoenix and set up Quantum Leap, a wholly owned division of EastWest, to produce high-quality, no-compromise sample libraries and virtual instruments. Quantum Leap virtual instruments are mostly produced by Nick Phoenix. Some of the larger productions, such as Symphonic Orchestra, Symphonic Choirs and Quantum Leap Pianos are co-produced by Doug Rogers and Nick Phoenix. As a composer, Phoenix began scoring film trailers and television commercials in 1994. To date, he has either scored or licensed music for the ad campaigns of over 1000 major motion pictures including Tomb Raider 2, Terminator 3, Lord of the Rings Return of the King, Harry Potter 2, Star Wars Episode 2, Spiderman 3, Pirates of the Caribbean 3, Blood Diamond, Night at the Museum, and The Da Vinci Code. Quantum Leap has now firmly established itself as one of the world’s top producers of high-end sample libraries and virtual instruments.

In 2006, EastWest purchased the legendary Cello Studios (formerly United Western Recorders) on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, re-naming it EastWest Studios. The 21,000 sq. ft. facility, since remodelled by master designer Philippe Starck, houses five recording studios and is the world headquarters for EastWest.

Producer: Nick Phoenix

Nick began scoring film trailers and television commercials in 1994. To date, he has either scored or licensed music for the ad campaigns of over 1000 major motion pictures. “Star Trek,” “Harry Potter 6,” “Tales of Despereaux,” “The Dark Knight,” “Valkyrie,” “The Hulk,” “Rendition,” “Spider-Man 3,” “Golden Compass.” “The Assassination of Jesse James,” “Pirates of the Caribbean 3,” “Babel,” “Hitman,” “I Am Legend,” “300,” “No Country For Old Men,” “Harry Potter 5,” “The Brave One,” “Wall-E,” “Blood Diamond,” “Speed Racer,” and “Night at the Museum” are a few recent examples. Nick and Thomas Bergersen founded the ultimate trailer music company “Two Steps From Hell” in 2006. www.twostepsfromhell.com.

Nick has also scored numerous TV shows for NBC, CBS, Showtime, and Fox.



The journey as a composer has also inspired Nick to record and program his own sounds and samples. Nick founded Quantum Leap Productions in 1997 and Quantum Leap has since grown to be the world’s top producer of high-end virtual instruments. A 10-year partnership with Doug Rogers and East West has yielded countless award winning software titles such as Stormdrum, Symphonic Orchestra, Symphonic Choirs, RA, Voices of Passion, Ministry of Rock, Gypsy, QL Pianos, QL Silk, VOTA, QL Brass, QL Guitar and Bass, Hardcore Bass, Goliath, and Colossus.

Nick’s studio is located in Venice, California, and is 100% solar powered.

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How to Use This and the Other Manuals

All documentation for the EastWest PLAY Advanced Sample System and its libraries is provided as a collection of Adobe Acrobat files, also called PDFs. They can be viewed on the computer screen or printed to paper.

Each time you install one of the PLAY System libraries, two manuals are copied to the file system on your computer:

- The manual that describes the whole PLAY System. This, the largest of the manuals, addresses how to install and use all aspects of the software that are common to all libraries.
- The library-specific manual, such as the one you are currently reading. This smaller document describes aspects that differ from one library to the next, such as the list of included instruments and articulations.

Using the Adobe Acrobat Features

By opening the Bookmarks pane along the left edge of the Adobe Acrobat Reader, the user can jump directly to a topic from the section names. Note that some older versions of Acrobat Reader might not support all these features. The latest Acrobat Reader can be downloaded and installed at no cost from the Adobe web site. (As an example of a hyperlink, you can click on the last word of the previous sentence to be taken directly to the Adobe site.)

When reading this and other manuals on the computer screen, you can zoom in to see more detail in the images or zoom out to see more of the page at once. If an included picture of the user interface, or a diagram, seems fuzzy or illegible, then zoom in using one of several means provided in the Acrobat Reader software. Note that images are clearest and screen shots most legible at 200% and next best at 100%.

The Master Navigation Document

Because the EastWest PLAY System is a collection of components, each with its own User's Manual, a Master Navigation Document (MND) is provided to allow users to jump quickly between these PDFs when being read on the computer screen. This MND is a one-page file with hyperlinks to the PLAY System documentation and to all the library manuals. Hyperlinks to this Master Navigation Document are found on the title page of each chapter in each document. From there, you can open any other document in the collection.

For example, if you're reading something in this documentation for the Quantum Leap Gypsy library, and need to open the manual for the PLAY System as well, go to any chapter title page and click on the link that says, "Click on this text to open the Master Navigation Document." It will open in a new window on the screen. In that document, click on the icon for the PLAY System and its manual will open in the same window (hiding the MND). You now have both the Gypsy library manual and the PLAY System manual open in separate windows so you can refer to them both.

Online Documentation and Other Resources

For the most up to date information, visit the support pages at EastWest's web site. There you can find:

- information made available after these manuals were written
- FAQ pages that may already list answers to questions you have
- suggestions from EastWest and other users of the EastWest PLAY System
- news about upcoming releases

The address is:

<http://support.soundsonline.com>

You can also visit the EastWest online forums. There you can read comments and questions from others who use EastWest products and post your own. The many forum participants are a good source of helpful information about both the technical and musical aspects of this software.

The address of the forums is:

<http://www.soundsonline-forums.com>



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Quantum Leap Silk, An Overview

The Design Point For the Silk Library

Quantum Leap Silk was conceived as an extension of Quantum Leap RA. It gives users access to rare instruments from across Asia played masterfully by renowned artists. And in conjunction with the PLAY Advanced Sample Engine, it provides users with the means to create authentic and realistic sounding performances of Asian music—or to mix these sounds in inventive ways with music from other cultures.

Extensive scripting capabilities, the access to microtuning, built-in convolution reverb, and the many other features that the PLAY System provides all combine to give the user unparalleled control over the end result.

With its included microtuning and the many examples of actual recorded phrases characteristic of each instrument, Quantum Leap Silk can even teach users how to write for these instruments to achieve authentic-sounding music from these cultures.

All instruments featured in Silk library are multi-sampled with extreme attention to detail, offering the maximum in expression. Quantum Leap Silk contains a large number of articulations, interval sampling (where appropriate), round robin technology (alternate samples), legato scripting, and recorded phrases to give the feeling of smooth effortless performance—like silk.

Quantum Leap Silk was recorded at East West Studios and Capitol Studios. Each musician who played at those sessions is a master of his instrument, providing the best and most authentic sound available. This library also allows users to adapt the instruments using dozens of useful microtunings in the key of their choice. This microtuning system—which it shares with its sister library, RA—is the first of its kind, and is a true breakthrough for the PLAY Engine.

Make sure you try creating music that brings together the ethnic sounds of RA and these patches from Silk to see how well they complement each other. They share the same set of digital controls, the same collection of microtuned scales, the same reverb settings, and the same 64-bit PLAY acoustic engine (compatible with 32-bit environments); therefore, they mix seamlessly and beautifully to achieve a consistent sound.

Nick Phoenix, Producer
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The Instruments in Quantum Leap Silk

The tables that follow provide a brief but complete listing of all 25 instruments available in Quantum Leap Silk. For a listing of all the available articulations for each instrument, go to Chapter 5, which starts on page 20.

CHINA

Bawu (Wind)	Jin Hu (Bowed String)	Xiao (Wind)
Dizi Large (Wind)	Pipa (String)	Yangqin (String)
Dizi Small (Wind)	Sheng (Accordion)	Zhung Hu (Bowed String)
Er Hu (Bowed String)	Suona 1 (Brass)	
Guzheng (String)	Suona 2 (Brass)	

INDIA

Bansuri (Wind)	Dilruba (Bowed String)	Tanpura (String)
Breath	Sarod (String)	

PERSIAN EMPIRE

30pc String Section (Bowed String)	Kemenche (Bowed String)	Tar (String)
Duduk (Wind)	Nay Flute (Wind)	
E Cello (Bowed String)	Qunan (String)	

What's Included

This Quantum Leap Silk library you purchased includes all the following:

- a complete set of sample-based instruments, enumerated later in this manual
- approximately 25 Gigabytes of 24-bit, 44.1 kHz samples
- the EastWest PLAY Advanced Sample Engine
- the unique authorization code that identifies the license you bought
- manuals in Adobe Acrobat format for both the EastWest PLAY System and the Quantum Leap Silk Virtual Instrument
- an installation program to set up the library, software, and documentation on your computer
- an Authorization Wizard for registering your license in an online database

One required item *not* usually included is an iLok security key. If you already have one from an earlier purchase of software, you can use it. Otherwise, you need to acquire one. They are available from many retailers that sell EastWest and Quantum Leap products, or you can buy one online at www.soundsonline.com.

Hardware Requirements

See the Play System manual for a complete list of the Hardware and Software Requirements for installing and running any PLAY System library. In addition, the available space on the hard drive required for a full installation of Quantum Leap Silk is approximately 25 GB (Gigabytes).



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The Quantum Leap Silk User Interface

Each library presents its own interface when one of its instruments is the current one, as specified in the Instruments drop-down in the upper right corner. The image at the bottom of the page provides an overview of the entire window in Player View when the current instrument is from the Silk library.

Much of this interface is shared by all PLAY System libraries, and the common features are described in the PLAY System manual. The Silk-specific controls described later in this section are those listed on the next page. If you don't see a control described in this chapter, look at the PLAY System manual; that's the other manual installed on your hard drive during program setup.



- Performance
- Round Robin Reset
- Stereo Double
- Filter
- Microtuning
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Performance

There are four buttons grouped together in the Performance section. They include three buttons for turning on and off scripts specific to Silk that control performance parameters:



- Portamento
- Repetition
- Legato

The fourth button in the group, Round Robin Reset, labeled as “rr reset,” is described in its own section below.

See the section on Performance Scripts, starting on page 16, for information on how to use these three scripts.

When you first open an articulation, there are default settings (On or Off) for each of the three scripts, as chosen by the EastWest sound designers. If you want a different set of defaults, you will need to save the .ewi file that way and load your new version when you need it.

Legato Button

Legato is the style of playing notes in a phrase with no significant silence between them in order to produce a smooth and flowing melodic line. Use this button to turn on a legato effect for the articulation.

Portamento Button

Portamento, also sometimes called glissando, is the technique of a continuous slide in pitch from one note to the next note in the phrase. Portamento, as used in this virtual instrument, is usually a short, anticipatory movement between the pitches of two adjacent notes. This technique is most common in instruments that are not restricted to playing notes of any specific scale, such as where bending of notes is possible.

Turning on portamento in a phrase is a subtle way to increase a sense of realistic playing.

Repetition Button

Repetition, in this context, refers to the playing of a single pitch more than once with no different notes played between them in the same phrase. Turning on this button causes repeating notes to sound slightly different, avoiding the sense of mechanical repetition.

Round Robin Reset Button

A round robin articulation is one in which several different samples are recorded with all parameters, such as volume, speed of attack, and so on, being essentially constant. The PLAY Engine then knows to alternate between the two or more samples during playback. The goal is to avoid what's often called the "machine gun effect," in which playing the same sampled note repeatedly causes the unnatural sound of consecutive notes being mechanically identical.



There's one potential problem with round robin technology, and one way to solve it is the Round Robin Reset button. The PLAY Engine remembers which sample should be played the next time the note sounds. If, for example, a round-robin patch contains two samples, A and B, and a piece uses that note 7 times, the PLAY Engine plays A B A B A B A. If the piece is played again from the beginning, the engine will play starting with B, because that's next in order. The second rendition will be subtly different. Being able to reset all round-robin articulations to the beginning of the cycle allows for consistent playback.

You can use this button to reset all round robin articulations on demand. Or use your choice of a MIDI note or MIDI control code to reset them one instrument at a time from a MIDI keyboard or the data stored in a sequencer project. See the description of the Settings dialog for more information about this articulation-specific approach.

Stereo Double Controls

This knob, with its three buttons, gives the user the option of using exclusively the left stereo signal or right when "Stereo" is selected from the Channel Source drop-down. For any other setting, this control has no effect.

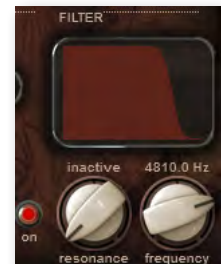


The knob lets the user determine the spread of the signals, how far apart the ear perceives the stereo channels to be. A value of 0% brings the two channels together at the center (unless the Pan knob positions the output differently), and is the equivalent of turning off the controls with the button below the knob. A value of 100% call for the maximum spread available. Select between the left and right signal with the buttons on either side of the knob.

Filter Controls

The Filter controls take the sound of the instrument, and modify it by filtering out some of the sound above a certain frequency. This type of effect is commonly called a Low Pass Filter.

The Frequency knob determines where the sound starts to be filtered out. The Resonance knob specifies how much the filter "rings" at the dialed frequency. The higher the resonance knob is set, the more focused this ringing becomes.



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The graph gives you visual cues about the frequency distribution you are creating with the settings you select.

Microtuning Controls

The instruments in Quantum Leap Silk have origins all over the Asia. Silk makes it easy to incorporate the various scales from these disparate cultures in your music to provide an authentic feel. Note that the same scales are provided in Quantum Leap RA, making it easy to combine the instruments from the two libraries.

There are two Microtuning controls. The one at the left is a drop-down list of all the scales available in Silk. At the top of the list is “Western,” which tunes the 12 notes in each octave to the traditional scale heard in all the other libraries; this choice, in effect, turns off microtuning. The other options in the list adjust the pitch of some—or all—of the 11 non-root notes to achieve the characteristic sound of the chosen scale.

The control at the right is another drop-down list of the 12 note names. This choice tells the PLAY engine which note is the lowest note in the scale, called the “root.” All intervals for the other scale notes are relative to this fixed pitch.

In Silk there are dozens of scales available that can be rooted to any of the 12 keys. This makes them very flexible. There are 2 types of scales available.

- Scale Type 1 includes all 12 notes in the octave and applies microtuning to all the notes.
- Scale Type 2 limits the notes that you can play in the octave, giving you the authentic scale intended. Microtuning is also applied. When you play notes that are not in the intended scale, only correct notes are heard. This is a great feature which helps the user to quickly learn about ethnic music in general. Also, the notes that are not part of the scale are doubles or alternate takes for the notes that are part of the scale. Alternate takes make this approach a useful way to play interesting repetitions.



ADT Controls

Artificial Double Tracking is a technique, invented at Abbey Road when the Beatles were recording there, that approximates the effect of double tracking (recording two nearly identical takes of a vocalist or instrument on the same part and laying one on top of the other) without actually taking the time to record two takes. And some would say ADT improves on actual double tracking even beyond the savings in time. The original ADT process was based on magnetic tape; in the PLAY Engine, the effect is created digitally. The software program-



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mers, however, added a tape simulator to mimic the slight speed variations of the two analog tape machines that created the ADT effect.

The **Delay** knob specifies in milliseconds, the delay between the original signal and the secondary signal. A delay of around 40 ms is typical, so is often a good starting point when crafting a specific effect.

The **Depth** knob specifies the amount by which that delay is modulated. You don't want an exactly consistent delay; the delay of the secondary signal will vary forward and backward in time by this much.

The **Speed** knob varies the speed at which that delay is modulated.

The **Level** knob specifies the relative loudness of the secondary signal. Set it to 0.0 dB to hear the effect at its strongest, with the same level on both signals; higher or lower gives preference to one of the signals. The overall effect depends on their combination.

The **On/Off** button allows you to kill the ADT effect instantly and then reinstate it with the same settings, as needed.

The Graphical Representation of the Envelope



The Envelope Controls are described in the main PLAY System manual because they are common to all PLAY System libraries. Only some libraries include the graph, as shown here, so it is included in the manuals for those libraries only.

Note that the total width of the graph represents the total length of all phases of the envelope. Therefore, when you change something in one part of the graph, for example, the decay, you may see the slopes of other components, the attack and the release, change as well because those phases become a larger or smaller percent of the whole; this is as expected.

The Browser View

The Browser behaves identically among all PLAY System libraries. Read the main PLAY System manual for information about how to use that view.

Performance Scripts

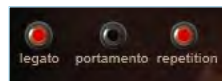
The Silk Virtual Instrument includes three built-in scripts that can provide extra realism to phrases that take advantage of their benefits:

- The Portamento script provides a sliding pitch between consecutive notes in a phrase. This can be used to emulate the subtle portamento that occurs, for example, when a string player's finger moves along the string at the beginning or end of a sounding note.

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- The Repetition script changes the quality of the notes when a single pitch is played multiple times in quick succession. Although similar to what can be achieved with Round Robin patches, the effect can be used on any articulation, not only those with “RR” in the name.
- The Legato script creates a more flowing and connected sound for notes in a continuous phrase.

The scripts themselves are not modifiable by the user, but one important parameter can be adjusted using a MIDI control code. See details of how to use the control codes in the descriptions that follow.



In order for a script to actively affect the notes in an articulation file, the script must be activated in the PLAY user interface. The image above shows the Portamento script turned off and the other two scripts turned on. In addition, the appropriate MIDI Control Code must not be turned Off; that means if MIDI values are being generated for the On/Off code on this channel, as in the table below, they must currently be in the range 64 to 127; if MIDI CC values are not being generated, the Control Code is considered On (as long as the light in the user interface is On).

The effect of engaging the Portamento or Legato effect is subtle. The goal is the sound of smooth, connected playing and not anything so pronounced that it will draw attention to the effect itself. These two scripts share many features in the ways they affect the sound; that is, the Legato script includes a small portamento component and vice versa.

MIDI Control Codes

These MIDI values can be controlled in standalone mode by adjusting the controls (knobs or sliders) on a “control surface” or MIDI keyboard. When run as a plug-in inside a sequencer or other host, you can create a controller envelope to automatically adjust values during playback. See the documentation from your hardware or software for information about how to change the values of control codes.

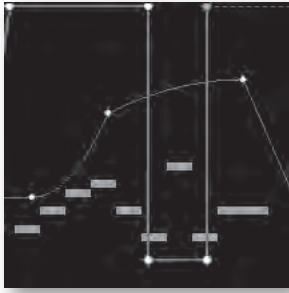
The following table lists the codes that affect these scripts. Note that the MIDI Control Codes have no effect unless the corresponding script is turned on in the PLAY interface.

Code	Portamento	Repetition	Legato
5	Time		Time
65	On/Off		
68			On/Off
69		On/Off	

The three On/Off control codes all work the same way: a value 64 or higher turns the script on and any other value (0–63) turns the script off.

CC 5 affects the duration of the portamento or legato. The possible values are 0–127. The higher the value the longer the effect takes to complete; that is, you should set

higher values to make the sound more pronounced. Use your ear to find the right values for each note in the phrase.



The image at the left shows two envelopes affecting the Portamento script in a host. The nine white horizontal bars are the notes. The light-gray line that jumps from the top to near the bottom and back to the top is CC 65 that turns the script on and off so that only some notes use portamento. The curving line near the middle is CC 5, setting the effect's "Portamento time" parameter for each note individually. (Note that the middle section, when the CC 65 line is near the bottom, CC 5 actually has no effect because the script is turned off at that point.)

Monophonic Behavior

Both the Portamento and Legato scripts change the instrument so that it can play only one note at a time whenever the script is turned on. If a note is still playing when a new note starts, the first note will end at that moment. This behavior allows for no ambiguity in how the notes form a phrase.

One consequence of this behavior is that if you want two concurrent legato lines—or one legato and one non-legato line—played with the same articulation, you need to open the same articulation file more than once and turn on the Legato script where appropriate. Of course, the same rule holds for the Portamento script.

Repetition Script

When playing consecutive notes of the same pitch, the use of a single sample over and over in quick succession can sound mechanically identical, which is called the "machine gun effect." The Round Robin patches are one way to fix this problem. The Repetition script solves the same problem in another way. For any articulation, this script uses one or more of three randomly selected options to keep the sound a little different on each repetition:

- Use the sample for a nearby note (for example, a half step higher or lower) and retune it to the needed pitch.
- Start the note a tiny amount before or after the specified start time.
- Detune the sample a few cents (hundredths of a semitone) higher or lower.

This variability gives the sound a more human, less robotic, feel. After all, what human instrumentalist plays every note exactly on pitch and at exactly the notated time?

The producers have selected which of these three approaches will be used for each articulation file—and how much variability to allow—to achieve the most realistic behavior. That is, some patches randomly use all three approaches, while others may use only one or two of them.

Note that Repetition scripts do not have the equivalent of the Round Robin Reset button to ensure an identical sound every time the same track is bounced to audio. The randomness of the results is a feature. You need to decide how important exact repeatability is when selecting either a round robin patch or the Repetition script.



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Instruments, Articulations, and Keyswitches

The full name of this library is “Quantum Leap Silk: Masters of the Silk Road.” This collection selects characteristic sounds from the length of this fabled trade route across southern Asia. China, India and multiple parts of the old Persian Empire are all included.

To help you create authentic-sounding and realistic phrasing, many of the Quantum Leap Silk instruments include features such as:

- legato interval sampling
- recorded “performance” phrases that you can incorporate in your work or use as a model to learn traditional uses of the instruments

These features, along with the ability to microtune instruments to non-Western scales, make Quantum Leap Silk a natural way to achieve the correct sound for projects that require the authentic sounds of Asia.

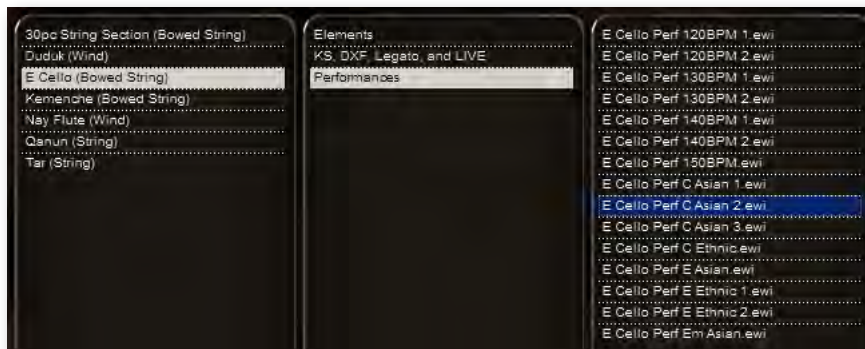
This chapter provides tables that lists each instrument in the Silk library. You might want to print out the pages containing these tables as a reference.

Organization of the QL Silk Instruments

The instruments within this library are organized in a consistent hierarchy of folders and subfolders. At the highest level, the instruments are divided into different regions within Asia:

- China
- India
- Persian Empire

Within each of those folders are listed the instruments native to that region.



Each instrument’s folder usually contains 3 subfolders that categorize the articulations, as shown in the Browser image above:

- Elements
- KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE
- Performances

In a few cases, one or more of these folders are not present. The paragraphs below describe the various types of articulation files.

Elements: These are the basic articulations, those that do not contain the features such as legato detection, cross fades, and keyswitches described below. These are the sample sets from which the other types of articulation files are built.

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE: These articulation files include keyswitches, dynamic cross-fades, recorded legato intervals, and “live” articulations that use velocity switches to provide different articulations depending on how forcefully the key is pressed.

Performances: A number of “performances” or phrases were recorded for each instrument in Silk. Some instruments have more than others. Some of these instrumental phrases are so special that they are very difficult to reproduce by playing individual samples. If you like incorporating such phrases in your work, they’re available in the Performances folder. If you’re not a fan of inserting whole phrases in your own composition, then consider them examples of authentic playing styles from which to learn.

Types of Articulation Files

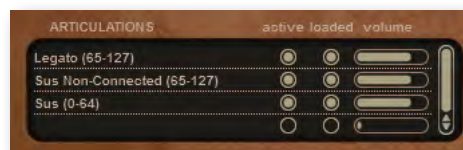
In addition to the basic articulation files in the Elements directory, these other files provide features that provide more control. Experiment with them to see what’s possible.

Live Articulations

Those articulations with “LIVE” in the name allow you to play different articulations at different MIDI velocities in what’s called a “velocity switch.” That means you can be playing a phrase with, for example, a sustained articulation and then play a bend or a grace note or some characteristic ornament just by pressing harder on the keyboard. These files are designed for playing in real time, hence the name “live,” but they can work just as well in a sequencer.

Legato Articulations

Articulation files of this type include both recorded legato intervals and the usual sustained samples. The image at the right shows how the choice of Sus or Legato samples is controlled by both the Mod Wheel value (the numbers in parentheses) and the connectedness of the musical phrase.



You can use the Mod Wheel to control whether or not the legato intervals are played, as described below:

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- When the Mod Wheel is pulled down (to a value between 0 and 64), no legato intervals are played. You might choose to do so in a fast passage, or any other place where a legato sound is not appropriate no matter how small the gap between notes.
- When the Mod Wheel is pushed up (to a value between 65 and 127), the PLAY engine looks at the time between notes and plays the legato sample when the gap is short; otherwise the usual sustained sample is played. This approach correctly restricts legato playing to the phrases with very little time—or no time—between notes.

In the following musical phrase, only the notes 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8 will be played with a legato start to each note (and only if the Mod Wheel is pushed to the top half of its range—65 or above). The other notes will use the Sustained samples.



The instruments in the following list contain legato articulation files with sampled intervals, as described above.

China: erhu, zhonghu, jinhua.

India: electric cello, kemenche, duduk, 30-piece string section.

Persian Empire: dilruba, bansuri.

DXF Articulations

A cross-face articulation file loads into memory the samples for two distinct articulations. The PLAY engine can play both at once, and the relative loudness of each one depends on the current position of the Mod Wheel; therefore, a cross fade allows for a smooth transition from one articulation to the other, with intermediate values sounding when a mix of the two sets of samples is heard.

In Quantum Leap Silk, cross-fades are applied to a pair of vibrato and non-vibrato articulations. Use a file with “DXF” in the name if you want to control in real time the amount of vibrato being heard. Just as in a real performance, you can have the amount of vibrato change in the middle of notes.

Performance Articulations

Most instruments have a subfolder named Performances containing one or more articulation files. Each of these contains multiple phrases—one per note—that might range in length from a few notes to an extended passage. You can have the PLAY software play the whole phrase, or stop it at any point by stopping the single MIDI note. If the file name includes “MOD” then you can also use the Mod Wheel to change where the sample starts playing; push the wheel up to make the phrase begin playback at one of several alternate starting points partway through. This ability to extract a piece of a longer phrase multiplies the number of phrases you have available.

Some of the Electric Cello performance files include a tempo in the name, such as “130BPM,” because they are very rhythmical and need to match tempo with the piece

they're being added to. And the files for the Erhu specify the key with which the phrase works best.

Many of these recorded phrases are characteristic of the instrument and would be difficult to produce from individual samples. You can add them as they are to your project or you can use them as a reference library to learn from as you train your ear and then emulate the sound yourself.

Other Features of the Articulation Files

Performance Scripts

Many instruments in Silk open with a Portamento script On by default. This is intentional. Each patch has had its portamento script tailored to the characteristics of its articulations. The exception to this rule is the various keyswitch patches, each of which has a Portamento script which is a compromise designed to work well with all its articulations.

The Mod Wheel

All patches in QL Silk use the Mod Wheel to control some aspect of the articulation:

- **Legato patches** use it to turn on and off the legato behavior (as described on page XX).
- **DXF patches** use it to cross-fade between vibrato and non-vibrato samples.
- **Performance patches** use it to change the starting point for playback (as described on page XX).
- **All other patches** use it to control a low-pass filter. This can effectively be used to add expression and “pull the breath” out of wind samples.

The Tables of the Instruments

The sounds of each instrument are provided in the form of one or more instrument files (with extension .ewi in the Browser view). All of these instrument files are listed below. They are grouped into geographical regions: China, India, the Persian Empire. There are up to 3 types of articulation files for each instrument: Elements, Performances, and a collection known as “KS, DXF, Legato, and Live,” which are keyswitches, cross-fades, legato intervals, and velocity switches useful for live recordings.

Finally, note that a few tables are quite long and extend across multiple pages.

China

CHINA: BAWU (WIND)

Elements	
	Exp
	Spit FX
	Sus Vib
	Sus Vib 2
	Sus Vib Acc
KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE	
Bawu KS Master & KS Elements	C0 Sus Vib
	C#0 Sus Vib 2
	D0 Sus Vib Acc
	D#0 Exp
	E0 Spit FX
Bawu Live 1	Vel 1
	Vel 2
Performances	
	Perf MOD Start

CHINA: DIZI LARGE (WIND)

Elements	
	Filter
	Grc Dn
	Port NV
	Port Vib
	Sfz Vib
	Sus NV
	Sus Vib Acc
	Sus Vib
	Thrt Sus
<i>continued</i>	

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CHINA: DIZI LARGE (WIND)

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Dizi Large KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus Vib
	C#0	Sus Vib Acc
	D0	Sfz Vib
	D#0	Sus NV
	E0	Port Vib
	F0	Port NV
	F#0	Thrt Sus
	G0	Fltr
	G#0	Grc Dn
Dizi Large Live 1	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Dizi Large Live 2	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	

Performances

Perf MOD Start

CHINA: DIZI SMALL (WIND)

Elements

Exp
Filter
Grc Dn
Port NV
Port
Sfz
Stac RR x8
Sus NV
Sus Vib
Trem

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: DIZI SMALL (WIND)

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Dizi Small KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus Vib
	C#0	Exp
	D0	Sus NV
	D#0	Port
	E0	Port NV
	F0	Sfz
	F#0	Filter
	G0	Grc Dn
	G#0	Trem
	A0	Stac RR x8
Dizi Small Live 1	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	

Performances

Perf MOD Start

CHINA: ERHU (BOWED STRING)

Elements

3 Finger Fst

3 Finger Slw

Bnd HT Fst

Bnd HT Slw

Cres

Detache NV RR

Detache Vib

Exp 1

Exp 2

Exp 3

Exp 4

Exp 5

Exp Lyrical

Exp Slw

continued

CHINA: ERHU (BOWED STRING)

Elements (continued)

Grace 1

Grace 2

Leg Dn

Leg Trill

Leg Up

Marc F RRx4

Sautille RR

Sforz Emotion

Sforz Exp

Slide Dn Fst

Slide Dn

Slide Up Fst

Slide Up

Spiccato RRx8

Stac RRx8

String Noise

Sus NV

Sus Vib

Trem Exp

Trill 3rd Dn

Trill 3rd Fst Slw 2

Trill 3rd Fst Slw

Trill 3rd Slw

Trill 3rd

Trill H Cres

Trill H Dn F

Trill H Dn

Trill H Fst Slw

Trill H Fst

Trill H Slw

Trill H

Trill W Cres

Trill W Dn F

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: ERHU (BOWED STRING)

Elements (continued)	Trill W Dn
	Trill W Fst Slw
	Trill W Fst
	Trill W Slw
	Trill W

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Erhu KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus Vib
	C#0	Exp 1
	D0	Exp 2
	D#0	Exp 3
	E0	Exp 4
	F0	Exp 5
	F#0	Exp Slow
	G0	Sus NV
	G#0	Exp Lyrical
	A0	Detache Vib
	A#0	Detache NV RR
	B0	Sfz Exp
	C1	Sfz Emotion
	C#1	Cres
	D1	Bend H Fast
	D#1	Bend H Slow
	E1	3 Finger Fast
	F1	3 Finger Slow
	F#1	Leg Down
	G1	Leg Up
	G#1	Grace 1
	A1	Grace 2
	A#1	Slide Down
	B1	Slide Down Fast
	C2	Slide Up
	C#2	Slide Up Fast
	D2	Tremolo Exp
	D#2	Sautille RR

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: ERHU (BOWED STRING)

Erhu KS Master & KS Elements (continued)	E2	Marcato F RR x4
	F2	Spic RR x8
	F#2	Stac RR x8
	G2	Leg Trill
	G#2	Trill H
	A2	Trill W
	A#2	Trill 3rd
	F5	Trill H Fast
	F#5	Trill W Fast
	G5	Trill H Slow
	G#5	Trill W Slow
	A5	Trill 3rd Slow
	A#5	Trill H Fast Slow
	B5	Trill W Fast Slow
	C6	Trill 3rd Fast Slow
	C#6	Trill H Down
	D6	Trill W Down
	D#6	Trill H Down F
	E6	Trill W Down F
	F6	Trill H Crec
F#6	Trill W Crec	
G6	String Noise	
Erhu Detache Live 1	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Erhu Live 1	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Erhu Live 2	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Erhu Live 3	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Legato MOD Exp		
Legato MOD Fst		
Legato MOD		
NV Vib DXF		
<i>continued</i>		

CHINA: ERHU (BOWED STRING)

Performances

Perf MOD Start Bb Fst

Perf MOD Start Bb Slw

Perf MOD Start C Fst

Perf MOD Start C Lng

Perf MOD Start C Slw

Perf MOD Start D Fst

Perf MOD Start D Slw

Perf MOD Start F Fst

Perf MOD Start F Slw

Perf MOD Start G Fst

Perf MOD Start G Slw

CHINA: GUZHENG (STRING)

Elements

Arp Chords

Bend Fast

Ben Slow

Double

Harm

Sus NV RR

Sus Vib Hard

Sus Vib Slow

Sus Vib

Trem

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: GUZHENG (STRING)

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Guzheng KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus Vib
	C#0	Sus Vib Hard
	D0	Sus Vib Slow
	D#0	Sus NV RR
	E0	Bend Fast
	F0	Bend Slow
	F#0	Double
	G0	Tremolo
	G#0	Harmonics
	A0	Arp Chords
Guzheng Live 1	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Guzheng Live 2	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Guzheng Live 3	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Guzheng Live 4	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1

Perf MOD Start 2

CHINA: JINHU (BOWED STRING)

Elements

Ornament

Stac RR x8

Sus Vib 1

Sus Vib 2

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: JINHU (BOWED STRING)

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Jinhu	C0	Sus Vib 1
KS Master & KS Elements	C#0	Sus Vib 2
	D0	Ornament
	D#0	Stac RR x8
Jinhu	Vel 1	
Live 1	Vel 2	

Legato MOD

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1

Perf MOD Start 2

CHINA: PIPA (STRING)

Elements

Bend WT

Double

Fret FX

Harm Tuned

Harm Vib

Luan Fast

Luan Slow

Noise

Octaves

Slide Down Fast

Slide Up Fast

Strum Noise

Strum Tremolo Down

Sus Finger

Sus NV RR

Sus Vib RR

Tremolo

Trill HT

Triple

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: PIPA (STRING)

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Pipa KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus Vib RR
	C#0	Sus Finger
	D0	Sus NV RR
	D#0	Octaves
	E0	Luan Fast
	F0	Luan Slow
	F#0	Slide Down Fast
	G0	Slide Up Fast
	G#0	Harmonic Vib
	A0	Harmonic Tuned
	A#0	Double
	B0	Bend WT
	C1	Trill HT
	C#1	Triple
	D1	Tremolo
	D#1	Strum Trem Down
	E1	Strum Noise
F1	Noise	
F#1	Fret FX	
Pipa Live 1	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Pipa Live 2	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Pipa Live 3	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Pipa Live 4	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	

Performances

Perf MOD Start

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: SHENG (ACCORDION)

Elements

Exp

Stac RR x4

Sus NV Acc

Sus NV

Sus Rattle

Sus Vib Acc

Sus Vib

Tremolo Fast

Tremolo Slow

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Pipa
KS Master &
KS Elements

C0 Sus Vib

C#0 Sus Vib Acc

D0 Exp

D#0 Sus Rattle

E0 Sus NV

F0 Sus NV Acc

F#0 Tremolo Fast

G0 Tremolo Slow

G#0 Stac RR x4

Pipa
Live 1

Vel 1

Vel 2

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1

Perf MOD Start 2

Perf MOD Start 3

CHINA: SUONA 1 (BRASS)

Elements

Bird Calls

Bend Up H

Bend Up W

Double Tongue RR x8

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: SUONA 1 (BRASS)

Elements (continued)	Exp
	Soft Vib
	Stac Doit H
	Stac Doit W
	Stac Fall H
	Stac Fall W
	Stac RR x8
	Sus Flutter 1
	Sus Flutter 2
	Sus NV
	Sus Vib
	Trill Fast
	Trill FX
	Trill Slow

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Suona 1 KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus Vib
	C#0	Soft Vib
	D0	Exp
	D#0	Sus Flutter 1
	E0	Sus Flutter 2
	F0	Sus NV
	F#0	Bend H
	G0	Bend Up W
	G#0	Trill Fast
	A0	Trill Slow
	A#0	Trill FX
	B0	Bird Calls
	C1	Double Tongue RR x8
	C#1	Stac Doit H
	D1	Stac Doit W
	D#1	Stac fall H
	E1	Stac Fall W
F1	Stac RR x8	

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: SUONA 1 (BRASS)

Suona 1	Vel 1
Live 1	Vel 2
Performances	
	Perf MOD Start 1
	Perf MOD Start 2
	Perf MOD Start 3

CHINA: SUONA 2 (BRASS)

Elements	
	Double Tongue RR x8
	Exp
	Flutter
	Stac Doit
	Stac Fall
	Stac RR x8
	Sus Vib
	Trill HT
	Trill WT

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE		
Suona 2	C0	Sus Vib
KS Master & KS Elements	C#0	Exp
	D0	Flutter
	D#0	Trill H
	E0	Trill W
	F0	Double Tongue RR x8
	F#0	Stac Doit
	G0	Stac Fall
	G#0	Stac RR x8
Suona 2	Vel 1	
Live Short 1	Vel 2	
Suona 2	Vel 1	
Live 1	Vel 2	
Performances		
	Perf MOD Start	

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: XIAO (WIND)

Elements

Exp

Port NV

Port NV Short

Port Vib

Sfz Vib

Sus NV Acc

Sus NV

Sus Vib

Trill

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Xiao

KS Master &
KS Elements

C0 Sus Vib

C#0 Exp

D0 Sus NV

D#0 Sus NV Acc

E0 Port Vib

F0 Port Vib Short

F#0 Port NV

G0 Sfz Vib

G#0 Trill

Xiao

Live 1

Vel 1

Vel 2

NV Vib DXF

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1

Perf MOD Start 2

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

CHINA: YANGQIN (STRING)

Elements

Double

Hamr

Mute

Rev Hamr

Sus RR

Trem Cres

Trem

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Yangqin	C0	Sus RR
KS Master & KS Elements	C#0	Mute
	D0	Hamr
	D#0	Rev Hamr
	E0	Double
	F0	Trem
	F#0	Trem Cres

Yangqin
Live 1

Vel 1

Vel 2

Yangqin
Live 2

Vel 1

Vel 2

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1

Perf MOD Start 2

CHINA: ZHONG HU (BOWED STRING)

Elements

Exp

Ornament

Sus Vib forte

Sus Vib piano

continued

CHINA: ZHONG HU (BOWED STRING)

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Zhong Hu	C0	Sus Vib forte
KS Master & KS Elements	C#0	Sus Vib piano
	D0	Exp
	D#0	Ornament
Zhong Hu Live 1	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	

Legato MOD

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1

Perf MOD Start 2

India

INDIA: BANSURI (WIND)

Elements

Run Down Up

Sus Port

Sus

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Bansuri	C0	Sus
KS Master & KS Elements	C#0	Sus Port
	D0	Run Down Up
Bansuri Live 1	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	

Legato MOD

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1

Perf MOD Start 2

Perf MOD Start 3

Perf MOD Start 4

Perf MOD Start 5

Perf MOD Start 6

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

INDIA: DILRUBA (BOWED STRING)

Elements

Bend

Bend Rd

Double Bend

Exp

Ornament

Sus NV 2 Bows

Sus NV 3 Bows

Sus NV 4 Bows

Sus NV 4 Fast Bows

Sus Vib 2 Bows

Sus Vib 3 Bows

Sus Vib 4 Bows

Sus Vib

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Dilruba
KS Master &
KS Elements

C0 Sus Vib

C#0 Sus Vib 2 Bows

D0 Sus Vib 3 Bows

D#0 Sus Vib 4 Bows

E0 Exp

F0 Sus Vib 2 Bows

F#0 Sus Vib 3 Bows

G0 Sus Vib 4 Bows

G#0 Sys NV 4 Fast Bows

A0 Ornament

A#0 Bend

B0 Double Bend

C1 Bend Rd

Dilruba
Live 1

Vel 1

Vel 2

Legato MOD

NV Vib DXF

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

INDIA: DILRUBA (BOWED STRING)

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1

Perf MOD Start 2

Perf MOD Start 3

Perf MOD Start 4

Perf MOD Start 5

INDIA: SAROD (STRING)

Elements

Bend Down H

Bend Down W

Bend Up H

Bend Up W

Double RR

Grace Bend BB

Ornament H

Ornament W

Short Vib RR

Slide Down RR

Slide Up RR

Sus RR

Tremolo

Vib Fall RR

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Sarod

KS Master &
KS Elements

C0 Sus RR

C#0 Short Vib RR

D0 Double RR

D#0 Grace Bend RR

E0 Ornament H

F0 Ornament W

F#0 Bend Down H

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

INDIA: SAROD (STRING)

Sarod KS Master & KS Elements (continued)	G0	Bend Up H
	G#0	Bend Up W
	A0	Bend Up W
	A#0	Vib Fall RR
	B0	Slide Down RR
	C1	Slide Up RR
	C#1	Tremolo
Sarod Live 1	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Sarod Live 2	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Sarod Live 3	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Performances		
	Perf MOD Start 1	
	Perf MOD Start 2	
	Perf MOD Start 3	

INDIA: TANPURA (WIND)

Drone
Drone Perf

The Persian Empire

PERSIAN EMPIRE: 30-PIECE STRING SECTION

Elements		
	Marcato RR x4	
	Sus	
KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE		
30-pc String Section KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus
	C#0	Marcato RR x4
<i>continued</i>		

PERSIAN EMPIRE: 30-PIECE STRING SECTION

Legato MOD

Legato MOD ACC

DXF

DXF ACC

PERSIAN EMPIRE: DUDUK (WIND)

Elements

Bend Cres Fast

Bend Cres

Bend H Vib

Double Bend Cres

Double Cres Fast

Double Cres

Double Ornament Vib

Exp Fast

Exp Medium

Ornament Vib

Sus NV

Sus Vib Fast

Sus Vib

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Duduk
KS Master &
KS Elements

C0 Sus RR

C#0 Short Vib RR

D0 Double RR

D#0 Grace Bend RR

E0 Ornament H

F0 Ornament W

F#0 Bend Down H

G0 Bend Up H

G#0 Bend Up W

A0 Bend Up W

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

PERSIAN EMPIRE: DUDUK (WIND)

Duduk KS Master & KS Elements (continued)	A#0	Vib Fall RR
	B0	Slide Down RR
	C1	Slide Up RR
	C#1	Tremolo
Duduk Live 1	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Duduk Live 2	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Duduk Live 3	Vel 1	
	Vel 2	
Legato MOD Exp		
Legato MOD Vib		
NV Vib DXF		
Performances		
	Perf MOD Start 1	
	Perf MOD Start 2	
	Perf MOD Start 3	

PERSIAN EMPIRE: E. CELLO (BOWED STRING)

Elements

Col Legno RR
Cres FX
Double Bow UpDown RR
Det NV
Det Vib
Detache Exp
Ethnic Bend
Ethnic Trill
FX 1
FX 2
FX 3
Lyrical
Marc RR

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

PERSIAN EMPIRE: E. CELLO (BOWED STRING)

Elements (continued)	Ricochet
	Sfz F
	Spic RR
	Stac Fast RR x8
	Sus Fast Vib
	Sus NV
	Sus Short NV
	Sus Short Vib
	Sus Slow Vib
	Tremolo Hard

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

E.Cello KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus Fast Vib
	C#0	Sus Slow Vib
	D0	Sus Short Vib
	D#0	Detache Vib
	E0	Detache Exp
	F0	Lyrical
	F#0	Sus NV
	G0	Sus Short NV
	G#0	Detache NV
	A0	Double Bow UpDown
	A#0	Ethnic Bend
	B0	Ethnic Trill
	C#5	Sfz F
	D5	Col Legno RR
	D#5	Marcato RR
	E5	Spic RR
	F5	Stac Fast RR
	F#5	Richocet
	G5	Trem hard
	G#5	Cres FX

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PERSIAN EMPIRE: E. CELLO (BOWED STRING)

E. Cello	Vel 1
Live 1	Vel 2
E. Cello	Vel 1
Live 2	Vel 2
E. Cello	Vel 1
Live 3	Vel 2

Legato MOD Exp

Lyrical NV Vib DXF

NV Vib DXF

Performances

Perf MOD Start 120bpm 1

Perf MOD Start 120bpm 2

Perf MOD Start 130bpm 1

Perf MOD Start 130bpm 2

Perf MOD Start 140bpm 1

Perf MOD Start 140bpm 2

Perf MOD Start 150bpm

Perf MOD Start C Asian 1

Perf MOD Start C Asian 2

Perf MOD Start C Asian 3

Perf MOD Start C Ethnic

Perf MOD Start E Asian

Perf MOD Start E Ethnic 1

Perf MOD Start E Ethnic 2

Perf MOD Start Em Asian

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

PERSIAN EMPIRE: KEMENCHE (BOWED STRING)

Elements

Exp Vib

Marcato RR

Sfz

Spic RR x4

Sus Vib Acc

Sus Vib

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Kemenche C0 Sus Vib

KS Master & C#0 Sus Vib Acc

KS Elements D0 Exp Vib

D#0 Sfz

E0 Marc RR

F0 Spic RR

Kemenche Vel 1

Live 1 Vel 2

Kemenche Vel 1

Live 2 Vel 2

Kemenche Vel 1

Live 3 Vel 2

Legato MOD

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1

Perf MOD Start 2

Perf MOD Start 3

Perf MOD Start 4

Perf MOD Start Long

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

PERSIAN EMPIRE: NAY FLUTE (WIND)

Elements

Nay 1

Bend Down

Harm

Marcato RR

Ornament

Sus Long

Sus NV 1

Sus NV 2

Portato

Vib 1

Sib 2

Trill

Nay 2

Bend

Exp

Horror Trill

Marc RR x3

Non Vib

Ornament 1

Ornament 2

Ornament 3

Sus Mys P

Vib Flutter

Sus Vib

Trill

Nay 3

Bend Down

Exp 1

Exp 2

Exp 3

Non Vib

Ornament 1

Ornament 2

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

PERSIAN EMPIRE: NAY FLUTE (WIND)

Nay 3 Elements (continued)	Ornament 3
	Sus Acc 1
	Sus Acc 2
	Sus NV
	Sus Vib 1
	Sus Vib 2
	Trill 1
	Trill 2

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Nay 1 KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus Vib 1
	C#0	Sus Vib 2
	D0	Sus Long
	D#0	Sus Portato
	E0	Sus NV 1
	F0	Sus NV 2
	F#0	Ornament
	G0	Bend Down
	G#0	Harm
	A0	Trill
Nay 2 KS Master & KS Elements	A#0	Marc RR
	C0	Sus Vib
	C#0	Sus Vib Flutter
	D0	Sus Mys P
	D#0	Exp
	E0	Non Vib
	F0	Bend
	F#0	Ornament 1
	G0	Ornament 2
	G#0	Ornament 3
A0	Trill	
A#0	Horror Trill	
B0	Marc RR x3	

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QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

PERSIAN EMPIRE: NAY FLUTE (WIND)

Nay 3 KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus Vib 1
	C#0	Sus Vib 2
	D0	Sus Acc 1
	D#0	Sus Acc 2
	E0	Exp 1
	F0	Exp 2
	F#0	Exp 3
	G0	Sus NV
	G#0	Non Vib
	A0	Bend Down
	A#0	Ornament 1
	B0	Ornament 2
	C1	Ornament 3
	C#1	Trill 1
D1	Trill 2	
Nay 1	Vel 1	
Live 1	Vel 2	
Nay 2	Vel 1	
Live 1	Vel 2	
Nay 3	Vel 1	
Live 1	Vel 2	
Nay 1 NV Vib DXF		
Nay 2 NV Vib DXF		
Nay 3 NV Vib DXF		
Performances		
Perf MOD Start 1		
Perf MOD Start 2		
Perf MOD Start 3		
Perf MOD Start 4		
Perf MOD Start 5		
Perf MOD Start 6		
Perf MOD Start 7		
Perf MOD Start 8		
Perf MOD Start 9		

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

PERSIAN EMPIRE: QANUN (STRING)

Elements

Double Hit

Gliss

Sus RR

Thumb RR

Tremolo Cres

Tremolo Sfz

Tremolo

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Qanun
KS Master &
KS Elements

C0 Sus RR

C#0 Thumb RR

D0 Double Hit

D#0 Gliss

E0 Tremolo

F0 Tremolo Cres

F#0 Tremolo Sfz

Qanun
Live 1

Vel 1

Vel 2

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1

Perf MOD Start 2

PERSIAN EMPIRE: TAR (STRING)

Elements

Bend

Double

Mute RR x4

Ornament 1

Ornament 2

Slide Down

Slide Up

Sus NV RR

Sus Vib RR

continued

QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

PERSIAN EMPIRE: TAR (STRING)

Elements (continued)	Tremolo Cres
	Tremolo
	Trill
	Triple

KS, DXF, Legato, and LIVE

Tar KS Master & KS Elements	C0	Sus Vib RR
	C#0	Mute RR
	D0	Sus NV RR
	D#0	Double
	E0	Ornament 1
	F0	Ornament 2
	F#0	Bend
	G0	Slide Down
	G#0	Slide Up
	A0	Triple
	A#0	Trill
	B0	Tremolo
C1	Tremolo Cres	

Tar Live 1	Vel 1
	Vel 2

Tar Live 2	Vel 1
	Vel 2

Tar Live 3	Vel 1
	Vel 2

Tar Live 4	Vel 1
	Vel 2

Tar Live 5	Vel 1
	Vel 2

Performances

Perf MOD Start 1
Perf MOD Start 2
Perf MOD Start 3
Perf MOD Start 4

Terms and Abbreviations Used in Articulation Names

TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Definition	Notes or Examples
5ths	Perfect 5th interval	A slide or chord sampled in perfect fifth intervals
Acc	Accent	Accent made by bow-biting a string or tongue-tightening on wind hole
Arp	Arpeggio	Broken ascending or descending chord played in sequential order
Bend	Bend of note	An adjustment of the fundamental note without pause
Bow	Horsehair and wood	Stringed instrument performance with bow direction down or up
Bridge	Wooden object supporting the strings	Performed close to the bridge to give a more nasal or harsh timbre
Chrom	Chromatic	Pitched percussive performance; or, where pitches are stretched to accommodate twelve tones in an octave
Dbl	Double	Doubled articulation
DN	Down	A stringed instrument's bow or pick direction
Drn	Drone	A looped fundamental performed by a string or wind
Exp	Expressive	An exaggerated crescendo followed by a decrescendo
f	Forte	An Italian term used to describe a louder dynamic
Fall	Fall	An expressive drop in pitch at the end of phrase
Flutter	Flutter tongue	An expressive vibration created by a fast moving tongue
Fast	Fast	A shorter phrase
FX	Effects	Characteristic or uncharacteristic performance of the non-musical qualities of the instrument
Gliss	Glissando	An Italian term used to describe an ascending or descending musical phrase performed in a rapid and gliding manner
Grace	Grace note	Arrhythmic embellishment above or below the fundamental note
Harm	Harmonic	A frequency integral to the fundamental created by lightly touching a string or overblowing a wind instrument
Hi	Hi	Higher-pitched articulation
Hard	Hard	A more aggressive attack

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QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Definition	Notes or Examples
HT	Half-Tone (Semitone)	The interval between 2 adjacent tones in the western twelve-tone scale
KS	Keyswitch	A switch between multiple articulations by the stroke of specific keys called keyswitch notes
Leg	Legato	Designed to create quick and smooth musical phrases
Live	Live	A velocity switching program which simulates more realistic and characteristic performances
Lng	Long	A longer phrase of any given articulation
Low	Low	Lower pitched articulation
Lyrical	Lyrical	A sweeter phrase
Med	Medium	A medium dynamic
mf	Mezzo Forte	An Italian term used to describe a moderately loud dynamic
Mldy	Melody	A program consisting of melismas characteristic of the native musical qualities of the instrument
MOD	Modulation crossfade	Modulation crossfades between more than one articulation
mp	mezzo piano	An Italian term used to describe a moderately soft dynamic
Mute FX	Mute Effects	Effects that mute the string
Neck	Neck	An articulation where pick, finger or bow is positioned over the fretboard or neck of the instrument
NV/NVB/Non Vib	Non Vibrato	An articulation where the fundamental maintains consistent pitch for its duration
Oct	Octave	The fundamental stretches one octave higher or lower during the phrase
Open	Open	Most commonly performed articulation of an instrument
Ornament	Ornament	A small embellishment characteristic of the native musical qualities of the instrument
Ovrblwn	Overblown	The wind instrument is overblown to create an overtone or harmonic in place of the fundamental
p	Piano	An Italian term used to describe a softer dynamic
RT/Resonance	Release Trail	Decay of the articulation in the sampled space

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QUANTUM LEAP SILK VIRTUAL INSTRUMENT

TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Definition	Notes or Examples
RR	Round Robin	The press of every key alternates between up and down, bow and pick, or left and right hand strokes
Sautille	Sautille	Bowing technique like spiccato, but very close to the string, creating a popping sound
Scrape	Scrape	Pick is scraped across the string creating a harsh timbre
Sft	Soft	Soft articulation
Sfz	Sforzando	An Italian term used to describe a strongly accented note
Sht	Short	A short phrase
Sld	Slide	An uninterrupted transition in pitch from one fundamental to another
Slur	Slur	A smoother transition in pitch from one fundamental to another than the “slide” (above)
Slw	Slow	A longer phrase
Spic	Spiccato	An Italian term used to describe short articulations of the bow bouncing off the string
Spit	Spit	Short accents, course in timbre, created by saliva forced through a wind instrument
Stac	Staccato	An Italian term used to describe stiff and detached performance
Strum	Strum	Designed to simulate the characteristic attack of a pick strumming
Sus	Sustained	A sustained phrase
Trem/Trm	Tremolo	An Italian term used to describe rapid repetition of the fundamental
Tri/Trill	Trill	An Italian term used to describe the rapid repetition between the fundamental and a note above or below
UP	Up	Describes the direction of the bow or pick
VB/VIB	Vibrato	An Italian term used to describe the perpetual but expressive wobbling in pitch of the fundamental
VS	Velocity Switch	A program which uses MIDI velocity to switch between multiple articulations
Western	Western Feel	A feel not necessarily characteristic of the native musical qualities of the instrument
WT	Whole-Tone (Full Tone)	The interval representing one tone (two semitones) in the western twelve-tone scale

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