



CYCLICK SAMPLES

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Funk Keys

This month we get our funk on, and it's all about hte keys: organs, electric pianos and synths. The collection is part loops, part chord hits. The loops are in the laid-back tempos of 85, 95, 105 and 110bpm. The chord hits feature six chords in four spaced keys (A, C, E & G) across eight of the ten instruments (the other two are monosynths - not much good for chords!).

The organs are modelled around the James Brown 'Grits' sound (classic B3) and the early Funkadelic tones. As with most of the instruments here, there is some prodigious use of tape simulation to get us in the right decade (UAD Studer A800 and ATR102). The Vox Continental style organ (*SlyConti*) goes for the early Sly and the Family Stone vibe.

The electric pianos delve into the Funkadelic/Parliament style with the *WetEpi* envelope filter and phaser treatment, whilst the *ThickEpi* goes for the more natural/classic stage piano sound (basically everything in the 70s!).

Monosynth-wise we're again in P-Funk territory, though without the nifty fingers of Bernie Worrell (RIP). Think Flashlight period - Minimoog and ARP all the way. Add a little echo, some light harmoniser wobble and some tape fizz and that's where we are.

Into the 80s with the polysynths, and it's fizzy, chizzy brass to the stage. The all important vibrato is pushed up on the long notes, just how Prince liked it (and Rick James...and Cameo...and The Time...etc.). It's not all faux-brass - *BendPoly* just goes for the wobble and bright poly punch, though there's plenty of single note lines in there too.

The chord hits are either stabs (for the organs and *FizzBrass*) or sustained chords of around 5 secs. The chords are classic funky types (dominant 7th, min 7th, minor 6th, minor 9th, 9th and minor 7th/flat 5th) with voicings adjusted to suit each instrument (i.e. chord inversions were shifted by instrument and key).

Stuff Used:

Arturia V Collection

Soundtoys plugins

UAD2 plugins

Eventide H910 and 2016 Stereo Room

Sonnox Oxford Inflator plugin

Kush Audio Clariphonic DSP MkII

PSP SpringBox & Echo plugins

iZotope RX5

Steinberg Nuendo 5.5

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