

# **Quick Start**

This document will guide you through the main features of Addictive Drums. Please view the Addictive Drums manual for more information.

Note: If you're running the Demo version the content is limited and will differ from the content shown in the pictures included in this document.

Click on the preset name ("Startup" by default) to select from over 100 included presets in different styles

Press the play button to listen to the currently selected MIDI beat



Use the mixer to set the microphone levels for the drum kit. You gotta have more cowbell? Just add some more cowbell!

### Addictive Drums pages

The top right corner of Addictive Drums gives you instant access to all available pages in the user interface. The KIT page lets you select kit pieces for your drum set. The EDIT and FX pages give you complete control over the included effects while the BEATS page lets you select from thousands of included drum beats. The question mark opens the help menu with direct links to the manual and MIDI keymap.

## Kitpiece slots

Click the L (List) button to show all available kit pieces for this slot

The up and down arrows let you browse the kitpieces

By activating the solo or mute functions you can listen to individual drums or silence drums completely



#### **Beats**



Addictive Drums comes packed with beats for a wide selection of genres. Click the small white arrow to next to a beat/fill to show all available variations. To quickly find a beat for your song, try using the search options. You can type in a word in the search box or use the filter options to show beats with specific time signatures or categories. When you find a beat you like, just drag'n'drop it into your sequencer/host!

## Syncing Addictive Drums to your host



Host - Sync

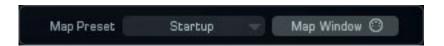
When this is enabled, AD will stop and start playing along with your host.

#### Host - Tempo

When this is enabled, all files will be previewed in the same tempo as your host. When it is disabled, all files will be previewed in the tempo in which they were recorded.

Sync/Tempo options on the BEATS page

## Using an electronic drum kit with AD



If you have an electronic drum kit hooked up to your computer and host software, you can use it to trigger the sounds in Addictive Drums. Open the Map Preset menu on the BEATS page and select your electronic drum kit if it's listed there. After that, it should just be a matter of record enabling the Addictive Drums track in your host and start banging! If your electronic drum kit is not listed in the Map Preset menu - try the GM Map Preset. It works with most electronic drum kits.

#### Now what?

Ok, so you have read the contents of this document and you're on your way to making fantastic drum tracks. We strongly encourage you to read the manual as well, since there are a lot of tips & tricks in there for improving your workflow and getting the most out of Addictive Drums.

Also head over to our website: <a href="www.xlnaudio.com">www.xlnaudio.com</a>. There you'll find:

- News and software updates for Addictive Drums
- Video tutorials
- Free content like preset packs, beats and even new kit pieces!
- A forum where you can discuss production styles, new features and post links to your songs
- Audio demos and information about Addictive Drums expansions like ADpaks and MIDIpaks

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