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**Waves Audio Now Shipping the Silk Vocal Plugin**

*The NAMM Show, Anaheim, CA, January 25, 2024* — [Waves Audio](http://www.waves.com/) (booth 14302), the world’s leading developer of professional audio signal processing technologies and plugins, is now shipping the [Silk Vocal](http://www.waves.com/plugins/silk-vocal) plugin, a smart EQ and Dynamics plugin for vocals.

Silk Vocal takes your vocals from raw to pro—in no time. Using innovating technology to intelligently process EQ and dynamics, the plugin helps you achieve balanced, well-mixed vocals quickly and easily. With this plugin, you can seamlessly bypass the technicalities and guesswork of mixing vocals, leaving you less fatigued and better equipped to make creative mixing choices.

As any engineer knows, the intricacies of mixing vocals pose a unique set of challenges, as each vocal is distinct. Overly resonant frequencies, boominess, harshness and sibilance often prevent vocals from sitting naturallyin the mix, and addressing these issues sensitively requires considerable time, precision, and an accurate monitoring environment.

Silk Vocal simplifies and accelerates your vocal mixing process, helping you solve these problems with ease. Silk Vocal automatically detects resonances across 2000 analysis bands, zeroes in on problematic resonances, and successfully balances your vocal tracks. Its smart vocal engine determines *where* and *when* processing should occur – all you will often need to do is just dial in the extent of the processing if desired.

Using just the automated processing of this one plugin, you can get the polished vocal mix results that you would normally need several plugins to achieve.

If you want to further fine-tune Silk Vocal’s automated processing, the plugin includes several additional easy-to-use controls:

* **Low**: Tightens the boomy, muddy, inflated low end that vocal recordings often suffer from due to proximity effect and room issues, while ensuring that the natural warmth of the vocal stays intact.
* **Mid**: Addresses the most critical area in the vocal to get right in mixing, with adjustablefilters which determine which frequencies will be processed by the smart EQ. Finely focused EQ reduces harshness and bite without losing the voice’s character.
* **High**: Toggles between Sibilance and High processing, to determine which one gives you the smoothest and most balancedtop end.
* **Dynamics**: Features the most musical single-dial compression possible. Once you’ve tonally balanced your vocals with the smart EQ, a few dB of compression helps to keep them tight, upfront and consistent.
* **Auto Makeup Gain**: The default setting of the plugin is with auto makeup gain on, meaning smart EQ reduction is continuously and adaptively compensated with a level increase. You have the option of turning this off and setting your own levels.

Additionally, Silk Vocal advanced settings include:

* **HPF**: A high-pass filter at 60 Hz, which filters out sub frequencies from the vocal.
* **Speed**: Adjusts the envelope of the smart EQ processing by way of a fixed attack-release ratio that, depending on the vocal, you may set for faster or slower processing.
* **Precision**: Adjusts the sharpness of the Q in each of the processing bands. Choose lower values for more surgical processing, and higher values for smoother results.

When you purchase Silk Vocal, you also receive a license for *Silk Vocal Live*, a separate plugin, [SoundGrid](https://www.waves.com/soundgrid-systems) compatible, which is a real-time version of Silk Vocal. It operates like the original but utilizes minimum phase curves rather than linear phase, resulting in significantly reduced latency. Silk Vocal Live is not only for live settings; it can also be used for recording in the studio, letting you monitor exactly how the plugin sounds on the voice in real time.

**Waves Silk Vocal Features:**

* Smart EQ and dynamics processor for vocals
* Remove boominess, harshness and sibilance from vocals
* Includes license for Silk Vocal Live, a real-time version of the plugin
* Male voice and female voice modes
* Includes High Pass Filter, Gate, Mix, band solo, band bypass, Delta (hear removed audio), Speed & Precision controls
* Transform raw vocals to balanced and mixed vocals in no time
* Accelerate your vocal mixing and remove guesswork
* Seamless and musical dynamics control
* Linear phase processing curves
* Adjustable midrange tuning for more focused processing

Waves Silk Vocal isavailable as a single plugin, or in the [Mercury](https://www.waves.com/bundles/mercury), [Vocal Production](https://www.waves.com/bundles/vocal), [Pro Show](https://www.waves.com/bundles/pro-show), and [SD7 Pro Show](https://www.waves.com/bundles/sd7-pro-show) bundles.

It has also been added to the [Waves Essential plugin subscription](https://www.waves.com/subscriptions), which includes over 110 plugins, and [Waves Ultimate plugin subscription](https://www.waves.com/subscriptions/ultimate), which includes all 230+ Waves plugins as monthly or annual subscriptions.

To learn more about Waves Silk Vocal, click [here](http://www.waves.com/plugins/silk-vocal).

Videos:

* “FIRST LOOK - Preston ‘Prizzie’ Reid (Usher, Ye) tries Waves SILK VOCAL”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpc3Db6EIHg>
* “Mixing Vocals In-Depth: Preston ‘Prizzie’ Reid (Usher, Ye) SILK VOCAL Walkthrough: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyJf18MP5h8>

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About Waves Audio Ltd.:

Waves is the world’s leading developer of audio DSP solutions for music production, recording, mixing, mastering, sound design, post-production, live sound, broadcast, commercial and consumer electronics audio markets. Since its start in the early ‘90s, Waves has developed a comprehensive line of over 250 audio plugins and numerous hardware devices. For its accomplishments, Waves received a Technical GRAMMY® Award in 2011 and an Engineering, Science & Technology Emmy® Award for its Waves Clarity Vx Pro plugin in 2023, and its early flagship plugin, the Q10 equalizer, was selected as an inductee into the TECnology Hall of Fame.

Increasingly leveraging pioneering techniques in artificial intelligence, neural networks and machine learning, as well as the company’s three decades of accumulated expertise in psychoacoustics, Waves technologies are being used to improve sound quality in a growing number of market sectors. Around the world, Waves’ award-winning plugins are utilized in the creation of hit records, major motion pictures, and top-selling video games. Additionally, Waves now offers hardware-plus-software solutions (including the revolutionary eMotion LV1 mixer) for professional audio markets. The company’s WavesLive division is a leader in the live sound sector, spearheading the development of solutions for all live platforms. Products from Waves Commercial Audio enable A/V system integrators and installers to deliver superior sound quality for corporate, commercial, government, educational, entertainment, sports and house-of-worship applications. Under its Maxx brand, Waves offers semiconductor and licensable algorithms for consumer electronics applications, used in laptops, smartphones, smart speakers, gaming headsets, TVs and more from industry leaders such as Dell, Google, Fitbit, Acer, Asus, Hisense and others.

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