



## Music Inferno - a Tribute to the Music of Madonna

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*We don't normally publish third-party advertisements on WersiClub International but I did say earlier that I hoped to let you have more information about the use of Wersi instruments in Robert New's Show "Music Inferno - a Tribute to the Music of Madonna". Robert has sent us the following account of the show and the use of two Wersi instruments within it.*

MUSIC INFERNO is a tribute to the music of MADONNA. Our show faithfully recreates the music, costumes, choreography, lighting and sets from a MADONNA live concert. Over 300 man-hours have gone into rehearsing the show which is a vibrant mix of audio, visual and sensory overload. You will be guaranteed to want to dance and smile.

The excellent Wersi OAS system really shows off its more modern as well as traditional capabilities - and it's safe to say, no other keyboard on the market could have achieved the versatility and sound that I need for this stage show.

The WERSI instruments I have on stage with me at all times are the WERSI ABACUS KS1 and the WERSI Pegasus 2, hooked up to an Apple iMac computer running Logic Pro software. The keyboards play a pivotal part in the whole show. The conception of the show occurred at the keyboards of the WERSI Abacus. The Abacus allows me to put arrangements together very quickly. I wanted musically faithful versions of Madonna's classic and current hits - but with a bit of a twist. The sounds of the WERSI are modern and exciting and allow me, as a producer, to work and experiment efficiently.

One feature of the WERSI OAS system that is an absolute godsend is its excellent drum sound programming features. The drums are a key element of the arrangements and the OAS Drum Editor allowed me to sample the famous ROLAND TR 808, a real drum kit, my LIVE DRUM kit, as well as to use the WERSI Drum Sound Libraries (both factory and add-on drums from WERSI) in conjunction with each other. So whether I needed ultra modern pop drums, live drums or classic 80s pop drum sounds, they were all there in the rhythm section of the Abacus.

"Music Inferno" performs a total of 29 MADONNA songs in the show, chronicling the Queen of Pops' long career. Every song features WERSI factory sounds, from the deep basses, lush strings, grand pianos, rhythm and electric guitars to the drums, synth pads and so on. Additional to the WERSI OAS sounds, the WERSI Pegasus 2 is also used to provide some classic WERSI sounds, such as retro-sounding 'Clavinets', 'String Orchestras' and 'Orchestra Hit' sounds. The Pegasus is also linked via a MIDI to USB interface to my Apple iMac computer to allow playing of the Logic soft synth sounds which are superb.

The WERSI instruments not only wow people in the audience with their high class design but also the sounds are truly amazing. As an owner of several studio instruments from other manufacturers, it is so refreshing to have my trusty WERSI keyboards, especially my ABACUS, with me on stage. The reliability of my keyboard is a constant comfort. I have owned the ABACUS since 2002 and, after five years, it has never let me down. With my other band, 'Fridays Child', it has now travelled the world over and has been 'thrown about', worked to death and has saved us in a few tight spots when other electronic instruments have failed. It has also been through Customs more times than I care to remember - the Abacus should really receive air miles for the amount of 'high flying' it has done in the past four years. I am extremely pleased that WERSI has made such a masterpiece bit of kit that has withstood 500 plus gigs in the past 4 years. I feel very proud to be an OAS owner and also to be a musician and music producer who brings the ABACUS into the forefront of the professional music industry.

Music Inferno has recorded a studio CD of songs from their live show; naturally all tracks feature the ABACUS KS 1. The Pegasus 2 also makes a small appearance but 90% of all instrumentation is direct from the OAS keyboard. The CD was recorded at my Record Label's studio and features classic and re-invented special versions of Madonna's hits. For anyone wanting to hear what a WERSI keyboard can do in a modern pro music situation, why not checkout our website: <http://www.madonnamusicinferno.co.uk/> (currently being redesigned - should be running again mid-October) or CD. It will be available to download on iTunes and all major legal music download service providers (MSN, Rhapsody etc) from the end of October 2007, priced £6.00.

For anyone wanting to come to see our show, a new website will be up and running soon. Our current tour is nearly sold out but our Christmas show tickets and Spring tour 2008 tickets go on sale soon.

Hoping that everyone is still enjoying their superb instruments from WERSI.