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SONICA is proud to announce *Japanese Taiko Percussion*, a BFD2.1 expansion pack.

Tokyo, Japan, November 25, 2008 — *Japanese Taiko Percussion* is the world's first professional taiko sound library developed exclusively for FXpansion's premium BFD2.1 drum production workstation. Featuring all the thunder, rhythm, and vibrancy of some of the world's most treasured and rarefied percussion instruments, *Japanese Taiko Percussion* offers musicians and sound producers a fresh slate of sonic possibilities with a distinctively Japanese touch.

Tokyo sound creator Tomzuin H teamed up with noted taiko performer Ikki Hino to craft a library of meticulously researched, performed, and recorded sounds — including the *obdaiko* (large drum), the *chudaiko* (mid-size drum), two *shimedaikos* (snare-like drums), the *kane* (a brass hand cymbal), and even a variety of shouts and calls by the performers. The two made it their mission to present to the world the most authentic and realistic recreation of these time-honored Japanese instruments.

All recording and production work was done in Japan with careful attention on creating the ideal environment in which to capture these visceral Japanese instruments. Each instrument was recorded with up to 47 velocity layers, using four direct mics and three pairs of ambient mics to capture the most vivid, powerful sound possible. And to ensure faithful recreation of the entire range taiko drumming expressions, left and right hits were recorded separately with multiple articulations. The bombastic basses and evocative beats of *Japanese Taiko Percussion* can be paired with nearly any genre of music, from the most modern electronica to centuries-old Japanese folk music.

Highlights include:

- Perfect reproduction of five traditional Japanese percussion instruments
- Over 6 GB of taiko sounds, including 2.6 GB of pure *obdaiko* power
- Authored specifically for FXpansion BFD2.1, which provides the freedom to mix the four direct mics and three ambient mics any way you wish
- Left and right hits are assigned to different keys for a realistic taiko playing experience on a keyboard
- Sixty original MIDI grooves performed by Ikki Hino

Price and Availability:

Japanese Taiko Percussion is available as a download from FXpansion's online store for \$125, excluding applicable taxes.

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About SONICA:

Based in Tokyo, SONICA Co., Ltd. has been engaged in the development, production, and recording of audio and sound content since 2001. *Japanese Taiko Percussion* is marketed by the SONICA Instruments division, which develops and markets sound libraries and music software.