

ENDORSER UPDATE



Two tracks from the new album *Chinese Butterfly* by acclaimed jazz musicians **Chick Corea** and Steve Gadd feature Corea playing the **Vintage Vibe** Piano.

Vintage Vibe created the Vintage Vibe Piano and Vibanet as modern takes on two classic instruments, the Rhodes and Clavinet. "We were honoured to show Chick our version of the Rhodes," Vintage Vibe Founder Chris Carroll says. "He immediately embraced its sound and feel. We built him a Vintage Vibe Piano of his own and adjusted it to his exacting specifications. We're thrilled to hear Chick put it through its paces on *Chinese Butterfly*."

For his Vintage Vibe Piano, Corea chose extra features that include Vintage Vibe's stereo tremolo preamp and MIDI out with the QRS system. "The Vintage Vibe Piano delivers that warm and clear sound I love to use for my electric music," adds Corea. "It's a pleasure to have that beautiful feel available for me to compose and play with."



Los Angeles-based producer and DJ Dennis White, who goes by the artist name **Latroit**, has used the **Pioneer DJ** Torai AS-1 monophonic analog synthesizer in the making of his 2018 Grammy-winning track, a remix of "You Move" by Depeche Mode.

"I love this little Torai synth from Pioneer DJ and **Dave Smith**. It's a real secret assassin – a full-on analog synth with super-fat sounds tucked discreetly into this polite, sexy little box that fits on my desk and looks great," says White. "I usually just fiddle around with it live and unquantized to give tracks warmth and texture because it's super performance- and 'knob twaker'-friendly. It's definitely one of my go-tos for inspiration in the studio."



Aylmer, ON drummer **Tyler Randall** is the latest addition to the **Mapex Canada** roster of endorsing artists. Randall is the co-founder of award-winning rock band The Truth

Untold, alongside singer/guitarist Rose Cora Perry. The Truth Untold received an invitation to perform as the only Canadian act at 2017's Summer NAMM show in Nashville. It was there that Randall met Mapex U.S. rep Bob Terry, who gifted Randall a double Falcon pedal for the gig and got the ball rolling on developing an artist relationship. Canadian Mapex rep Dave Lawrence continued the discussion and officially awarded Randall the "endorsee" title this winter.

"As a drummer, I'm very particular about my sound," says Randall. "I've tried out a variety of kits by the major brands, but nothing compares to the resonance of the maple-walnut hybrid shells of Mapex's Saturn [series]. The highs cut through while the lows pack a punch."

Drummer **Christoph Schneider** of heavy metal icons Rammstein recently signed on as an endorser of **DW Drums**, hardware, and pedals. The best-selling German rock band of all time, Rammstein has sold in excess of 20 million albums and received worldwide acclaim.

"Growing up in East Berlin before the fall of the Berlin Wall, I always dreamed of owning a DW drumset one day," says Schneider. "After the wall fell in 1989, one of the first things I did was walk over to the former West Berlin and I bought a set of DW drums, which were very costly at the time by East Berlin standards. Those were the drums I used to record our first Rammstein record. Signing with DW now as an artist feels like coming full circle in my musical career."

