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Dear Pauline: -

WHAT A SHOCK IT WAS to learn you're a former accordion player. One NEVER knows where this will catch up with you!In fact, 25 years ago I devised the FIRST free bass system in the field; no takers in the US. We did sell them in Italy. Today, it seems the only thing for an accordionist to do. I feel today he should stop playing the accordion and get into organ or something like that.

Talking of changes, I was shocked to hear Bob Ericson say he's turned off on synthesizers; ditto you. I know you're giving a soldering course out there; are you going to use this on guitars or violins? I would like to get by to see your School after all I've heard about it. I always get SO near but never there. Spent the War in Riverside and NEVER got San Diego (heard it was too crowded then; it was also a sailor town).

I'm enclosing my book, as promised. We're out fighting all sorts oft hings and ideas these days and what we're saying strikes people as controversial; to me, it's all logical. The enclosed article appeared in the LA Times and is now being reporoudced around the country (I'm getting mail and telephone calls). Steve Allen has read this and invited me to the Coast to be on his program.

I was very excited by the number of people that showed up in LA to look over our gear. I believe the interest was really great. This turn out and enthusiasm just would never happen in the East. It's two Worlds.

Again it was pleasant chattin'. Last time I was there you were in Japan; this time I had no time to spare. NEXT time, we must meet!

As ever,

ALFRED MAYER

A Machine to Play Now, Learn Later

BY MICHAEL SEILER

Roll over Beethoven and tell Tchaikovsky the

news. Alfred Mayer—Juilliard grad, organ maker, and classical arranger—has got this . . . this . . . ah . . . synthesizer and modulator that will revolu-tionize, absolutely revolutionize the teaching of music to the kiddies. Not to mention make a better noise for TV sta-tions, movie soundtrackers, rock 'n' roll bands and lovers of electronic whirrings and whirrings every-where

where

where. According to Alfred Mayer. Mayer was based last week in a room at the Cen-tury Plaza with the Performer by Ionic shining in all its color-coded glory atop the dressing table. The Performer is the brand name for Mayer's synthesizer and modulator. Ionic is the name of the Morristown, N.J., company of which Mayer is president. That much is reasonably clear.

A Guitar to Full Orchestra

A Guitar to Full Orchestra The Performer is a keyboard, a control board, a little 'ol computer and a TV screen. The keyboard is what you play on, though ap-parently, you can cheat a bit and slip a prerecord-ed cassette into the Performer somewhere. The control board is what you control upon. It has all sorts of yellow, black and red buttons and switches marked x-axis, y-axis, fuzz, wah-wah, portamento, vibrato, etc. The computer generally computes and makes all this possible. The TV screen (actually, an oscillator) shows you, visually, what you've been playing, controll-ing and computing. The final result can sound like anything from a single acoustical guitar to a full orchestra, depend-ing on which buttons you push and when, Mayer said. said

said. It's perfectly clear now, isn't it? If not, maybe Mayer's pitch will help. "We're astonishing the music teachers," said Mayer, who travels around the country, selling the Performer to universities and school systems. "The child in kindergarten, instead of wasting years learning to play, can get involved instantly."

High on Kiddie Potential

High on Kiddie Potential Same thing with adults, he said. "A lot of people would like to be in music but they don't want to study and learn how. They just want to play in-stantly. And that's what we're talking about— playing now, learning later." Mayer is especially high on the kiddie potential of his synthesizer. He's discovered in his travels that music depart-ments in the public schools have hit upon hard times.

umes. Public school systems are "doing away with mu-sic departments," said Mayer, who taught music at Brooklyn College for 15 years. "The teachers say it's money, I say it's results," he said

he said

Or the lack thereof.

Or the lack thereot. "They (music teachers) are turning off even the really talented kids because they're saying you've got to be able to read music." The magic of his Performer, said Mayer, is that

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC—Alfred Mayer demon-strates the Performer, which, he predicts, will reduce an entire orchestra into a small group. Times photo by Harry Chase

MUSIC MACHINE

Continued from First Page the kids get hooked on the visual images of sound and eventually will want to learn to pound out the scales on the piano, rather than being forced to by a culture-cultivating mother.

First, the child learns what music is all about by listening to the computer and cassette-fed stuff that comes out of the system, Mayer said.

"At that point, we're in-teresting him in music, like a kindergarten art class where he smears the paint around."

'Positive Experience'

From there, a child, now sufficiently motivated, can go on to learn the scales and play the Performer much like a regular organ or piano, he said.

"What we're really looking for the children to do is have a positive experience.'

But what price, these positive vibrations?

"I would suspect that in a while, they (children) wouldn't know what a violin sounds like," Mayer

said. Mayer, who has a \$1,900 product to push, is making no value judgments.

"We can't decide wheth-er it's good or bad, it's what's happening now," he said.

Going to Change

Going to Change Mostly it's rock that is plugged in and juiced up at the moment, but Mayer figures that is going to change—if only because of the numbers. "I don't think we can support large orchestras as we did in the past," said Mayer, who used to make a living arranging a few little things by Milhaud, Bartok and Khachaturian. "I'm really looking for the restructuring of the

orchestra into smaller groups," he-said.

And that will lead to "more musicians, spread around the country, making better incomes like physicians."

So maybe, in a few years, there will be six guys and six synthesizers and one gigantic oscillator screen at the Hollywood Bowl. And they will call it the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

In the meantime, there's a lot that the Performer can do for the current crops of serious musicians

crops of serious musicians and electronic noisemak-ers, according to Mayer. For instance, the com-poser with "his favorite arpeggio. He pushes a but-on and it (the Performer) plays his favorite arpeggio wherever he wants it in a composition," Mayer said. Or: "These electronic things you hear on TV and in commercials. They spend m on th s layering them together, and we can do it in minutes." Of all these wonders, the

in minutes." Of all these wonders, the only thing Mayer demon-strated that made much sense last week was "Ohl Susannah." He played it (or, rather, the computer, played it) forward and backward.

It sounded the same both ways.





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WHY SETTLE FOR

The back panel of the Performer shows how much more we have than any of our competitors. Sixteen inputs and outputs translates into more accomodations for guitars, organs, tapes, radios, rhythm devices, sequencers or whate-have-you; all the outputs indicates the possibilities of more speakers, amps, recorders, cameras, lights and anything you care to feed signals into. Getting down to specifics, these exclusive features boil down to:



All of this adds up to faster performance, quicker understanding Rather than confuse you with numerous sizes, Ionic offers one model only; we will soon announce expansion possibilities of a modular nature.

In addition, DIGIONIC is the first musical computer on the market; not only does it work on our units, it's a very desirable add-on for all our competitor's units. Currently, we have the sole digital device in the field. IONICAMERA is the first entry with a visual aspect of sound. Other developments in our plans will keep Ionic well ahead of the pack.



- As a Low Pass Filter (Response knob at 0 'Low Pass Position') Cut off rate 12dB for first octave and 18dB per octave thereafter
- As a Resonator (Response knob about halfway 'Hi-Q Position') Max. stable Q factor: 20
- As a Sine Wave Oscillator (Response knob to about 7 or more) Low distortion sine wave output over whole frequency range.

Voltage Control sensitivity: 0.2V/octave.

Envelope Shaper and Trapezoid Output:

Max. Repetition Rate: 60Hz

| Attack Time: | variable from 2mS to 1 second |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| On Time: | variable from 0 to 2.5 seconds |
| Decay Time: | variable from 3mS to 15 seconds |
| Off Time: | variable from 10mS to 5 seconds |

Decay sensitivity is 0.4V/octave - i.e. an increase of 0.4V will double the Decay Time.

Trapezoid Output Voltage Range: from -3V (ON) to +3V (OFF)

Reverberation Unit:

Folded Line type with wide bandwidth and good signal to noise ratio. Frequency response: 80Hz - 6000 Hz Delay time: 30-35 in sec, up to 2 sec nom. decay Amplitude is preset in the unit for optimum performance. Mix control adjusts from no reverb to full reverb.

Input Amplifiers:

Microphone Inputs (MIC jack sockets)

Sensitivity: (2X) 5mVAC into 600 ohms

In fact the input characteristics are flexible enough to provide satisfactory results with most devices, even if the impedance is considerably higher than 600 ohms (e.g. crystal microphones). Low impedance microphones and pick-ups, however, should be fitted with transformers and/or preamplifiers.

High Level Inputs Cassette and Rhythm

Sensitivity: (2X) max. 1.8VAC (r.m.s.) or +2.5VDC into 50K ohms

These are the normal inputs from a tape recorder or ratio. Since they are directly coupled they can also be used for a DC control input. There is no objection to one channel being used for a signal and the other for a control, since they are separate circuits.

The three inputs to each channel must be used separately - e.g. if Channel 1 MIC input is busy the cassette or rhythm input to Channel 1 cannot also be used. But different kinds of input can be applied to each channel;

General Note on Arrangement of Jack Sockets: The jack sockets are arranged so that Channel 1 (or in one case L for Left) is in its correct position viewed from the FRONT. For this reason they may at first seem to be the wrong way round when viewed from the BACK.

Output Amplifiers:

Two amplifiers with Manual and Voltage Control of gain

Signal Outputs (SIGNAL OUTPUTS jack sockets)

QUAD CAPABILITY

FRONT

Level (2X) 2V p-p max. into 600 ohms

REAR

Level (2X) .4V p-p into 600 ohms

These outputs are marked L and R (instead of 1 and 2); they are under control of the pan slide controls on the left cheek block of the keyboard. These are the usual outputs for tape recorders and amplifiers. They should be connected to high level inputs and never to an input with built-in compensation for a non-linear device such as microphone or tape head input.

For stereo when only two speakers are available, use the two front outputs. To utilize the rear outputs, two additional speakers and an amplifier are required to create a matrix-type quad reproduction of the audio.

AUTO PAN

.6 Hz-20 Hz

The push pull knob on the lower right of the main control panel will create an automatic panning from left to right when pulled out. When pushed IN, the audio is normal. The rate of the pan is controlled by turning the dial of the knob, clock-wise to increase the rate and vice versa to slow it down. At the extreme speed it can cause a repeat and a vibrato to sound. Acting much like an additional envelope, it is completely variable. Adding two speakers to each of the channels will create a vibrato much like a well-known doppler effect.

High Level Signal Outputs (HEADPHONES (STEREO) jack socket)

Level: (2X) 10V p-p max. into 50 ohms

These outputs go to a stereo jack socket. Do not use a 2-way jack in this socket or one side of the high level output will be short-circuited.

The tip of the jack is connected to the left channel, the ring to the right channel, and the main body to ground.

This is a non-panning output, and although intended principally for headphones it can be used wherever an especailly high level output is required. The outputs to the internal speakers are also non-panning, and for this reason the PAN controls are marked (EXT.).

DC Outputs (CONTROL OUTPUTS jack sockets)

Level: Depends on the setting of the device from which a control is being taken. It is approximately the same as the figures given for each device. The optimum load for this output is 10K ohms, and it should not be less than 2K ohms.

X and Y AXIS CONTROLS (Red)

Manually operated slide controls with two slides and two limiters of the span. Controls of the three oscillators filter and two output amps on either or both the axis. There are also input jack terminals in the rear for these same devices. Range (2X) X+X+2 VDC

PRE SET PANEL (Right hand keyboard cheek block) Optional

REPEAT, TREMOLO

Rate 3-10 Hz

WAH

Duration 100 mSec (Nominal)

PORTAMENTO, FUZZ

Separate controls for left and right channels. First two items are actually additional low frequency oscillators; the second item WAH serves as additional envelopes and may be used independently or combined with the variable envelope of the unit.

SWITCH PANEL

102 switches of push-push variety located on the panel above the keyboard. Basically, divided into two sections, the yellow switches are MODIFICATIONS of the sources; the red switches are controls of same. These devices create rapid and instant connections of all the devices.

KEYBOARD

Introduction

The keyboard contains an oscillator producing tones on the well tempered scale. It also produces control voltages which control any of the devices in the synthesizer.

The keyboard consists of 49 piano-sized keys (C to C) with electronics producing the following controls:

1. A control voltage proportional to the highest note pressed. The keyboard retains or remembers the last voltage produced.

2. A second control voltage proportional to the velocity with which a key is struck. As in 1, the last voltage is remembered.

3. A sawtooth signal (and a square wave, one octave lower) from the keyboard's oscillator. The pitch and loudness of same are controlled by the key struck.

4. A trigger signal for the envelope shaper.

Controls

Frequency – This shifts the tuning of the keyboard oscillator to give a total range covering 30 to 2000 Hz.

Tuning Spread – This trims the tuning of the internal oscillator over a narrow range allowing one to 'stretch the octaves'. This control should normally be set halfway.

Trimpot Level – This control sets the level of the internal oscillator. As it duplicates the function of the input channel level control it should normally be set near maximum, accesible only from inside. (Preset to optimum value.)

Dynamic Range – The dynamic range control determines the variations of loudness of the internal oscillator in response to key velocity. At minimum, the signal output will be independent of key velocity. At maximum the loudness will vary by more than 40db depending on the players' touch.

SELECTOR SWITCHES

UPPER OCTAVE: Will sound the ramp wave when in the ON position

VOLTAGE 1: In the DOWN POSITION the voltage is controlled by the keyboard in a well tempered fashion; in the UP POSITION it is dynamic or touch sensitive to the proportion of the finger velocity.

LOWER OCTAVE: Will sound a square wave in the ON position one octave lower than the UPPER OCTAVE switch.

OPERATION

KEYBOARD TUNING: Set the keyboard oscillator UPPER OCTAVE switch UP; on the control panel, press E5 (KB OSC/OUTPUT 1). Press A6 (OSC1/OUTPUT 2). Turn the silver dial plus C (sine wave) to about 5. Turn the A dial (OSC 1) to a point where this pitch coincides with the keyboard pitch. Press the red switch A 11 (OSC 1/OUTPUT 1) and start sounding an octave on the keyboard. To achieve an octave work the M (Tuning dial) to a point where you achieve an octave. If your ear cannot assure you of the exact tuning, compare with the octave on the keyboard oscillator or check with a scope or lonicamera.

LEVEL (PLAYING TECHNIQUE): The keyboard oscillator level signal is proportional to the finger velocity striking the key. The level established will be maintained until another level is established by the striking of another key.

ENVELOPE USE WITH KEYBOARD: Since the pitch established by the key is remembered, it will continue to sound. By adding the envelope to the keyboard control, setting the timing dial on the envelope to MANUAL, the oscillators will only sound when the key is pressed (as when one presses the MANUAL TRIGGER). In reality, the keyboard is a series of triggers.

Specification

Power supply

+12v + 5% and -9v +5% at 500 mA.

Keyboard (pitch) voltage

+1.5v +7%) Output is 1V per octave. Middle F gives 0 volts. Impedance 100

Dynamic Voltage

41.5v with approx. 30% over range for very hard or very soft playing. Impedance 100

Signal

Maximum of 10v p-p. For medium touch, or with dynamic range control, at min., output is .5v p-p. Output impedance 4.7K

Ext. input 1Vp-p for low distortion. Max. dynamics modulator gain, (i.e. for heaviest touch) is +15dB above this input.

performer Specifications General Description: Material and Manufacture

SYNTHESIZER & MODULATOR

GENERAL

The Performer by Ionic (PBI) Synthesizer and Modulator is a self-contained package consisting of sound sources, (coded in silver), modifications of these sources (coded in yellow), amplifiers for bringing signals and controls (coded in red) in from, and leading them out to external equipment. The unit operates on 117V A.C.

The Performer may be used as:

1. A COMPLETE UNIT IN ITSELF; using its own self-contained speakers, no other external equipment is necessary.

2. AS A LIVE PERFORMANCE INSTRUMENT: As a sound source in itself and a modifier of externally fed signals. For a greater reproduction of the extremities of the sound spectrum and for sufficient power to match other instruments, external amplifiers and speakers would prove very attractive. Its feature, the Quad sound capability demands external speakers and amplifiers.

3. AS A SOUNDS EFFECT DEVICE: Hardly an effect known can not be made on this equipment with far greater ease than has been done conventionally in the past. Theatrical or broadcasting presentations will demand this sort of a device for all future development.

4. AS THE CENTER OF AN ELECTRONIC MUSIC LAB: As the main sound source, the addition of tape recorders, rhythm, radio, phono, electronic instruments, microphones etc. can all add up to a fairly competent, efficient studio for a total price of less than the sound source cost a mere two years ago. Updated technology now brings the lab price and understanding to everyone's door step. Composers on any level can now dream and compose with this equipment without longing for gear beyond their financial grasp.

5. AS A TEACHING AID: All fundamentals of music and acoustics can be easily demonstrated on the Performer. Music students can now learn more about traditional manifestations through this compact piece of technology. The tuning and pitch manifestations, for example, far surpass any known musical instrument. The Performer is the most outstanding means of commencing the musical experience known. By eliminating all physical development (fingers, embouchure etc.) and by avoiding all complicated explanations through to achieve instantly.

The circuitry of the Performer is complete solid state and integrated circuits. All components are mounted on modular, removable cards and can be easily removed for replacement.

The cabinetry is of wood covered with a lustrous, vinyl covering to withstand the abuse of transportation. The panel is mounted on a brushed aluminum sheet with silk screened points of reference; this, in turn is epoxy coated to protect the screening and sheen from wear. A sturdy cover protects the unit in transit and houses four legs for mounting the Performer when in the field.

KEYBOARD (see notes)

DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS

Input: 105-115V, AC 60 Hz. Connection by a three pin plug. Fuse: 1A (_{Slo} -Blo)access on rear panel.

Oscillator 1:

Max. Output Levels: sine - 3V p-p ramp - 4V p-p

Frequency Range: (dial only) – greater than 1Hz–10KHz

Dial relationship is 1.5 octaves +2% per major division, and the actual dial calibration, when properly set up, is as follows (the extreme positions may be outside the tolerance):

| REQ (Hz) | (0.6) | 1.7 | 4.1 | 3 11.6 | 4 32.7 | 5 92.5 |
|----------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| DIAL NO. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 50) |
| REQ (Hz) | 261.6 | 740 | 2,093 | 5,920 | (16,75 | |

Voltage control sensitivity = 0.32V/octave. External voltages through input channel give 0.16V/octave since input channels have a voltage gain of 2.

General Note on Control Voltages: Specifications give ranges for manual control of v.c. parameters. The ranges can be extended by additional control voltages.

Oscillator 2:

| Max. Output Levels: | square/pulse output | - 4V p-p |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| | triangle output | - 3V p-p |
| | ramp positions of triangle | - 6V p-p |

All other details are the same as Oscillator 1.

Oscillator 3:

| Max. Output Levels: | square/pulse output | - 4V p-p |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| | triangle output | - 3V p-p |
| | ramp positions of triangle | - 6V p-p |

| Frequency Range: | (dial only) greater than 0.025H |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| | (40 secs per cycle) to 500 Hz |

Calibration of dial as follows (extreme low frequency varies slightly from example to example):

| DIAL NO. | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---------------|---------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-----|
| FREQ (Hz) | (0.015) | 0.043 | 0.122 | 0.344 | 0.975 | 2.7 |
| PERIOD (Secs) | (65) | 23.2 | 8.2 | 2.9 | 1.02 | 0.3 |
| DIAL NO. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| FREQ (Hz) | 7.82 | 22.2 | 62.5 | 177 | 500 | |
| PERIOD (Secs) | 0.128 | 0.045 | 0.016 | 0.0056 | 0.002 | |

Voltage Control sensitivity: 0.26V/octave

Noise Generator:

Max. Output Level: 3V p-p

Ring Modulator:

Max. Input Levels for undistorted output: 1.5V p-p

Max. Output Level with 1.5V on both inputs: 6V p-p

Above this level there will be some breakthrough of spurious overtones. Breakthrough with 1.5V p-p to one input only is 5mV p-p (-60dB)

Filter/Oscillator

Frequency Range in all functions:

(knob control only) greater than 5Hz to 10KHz



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FEATURES

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FINISH: A strong vinyl covering in black and orange will protect the unit in transit from the elements. Washable. See inside fold for detailed SPECIFICATIONS



"We must work towards a society in which scientific knowledge is incorporated in tools and components within the reach of all . . "

> A quotation from Ivan Illich sounds like an apt description of THE PERFORMER BY IONIC. In fact, all our products, past and present, exemplify this motif. Our competitors can shout all they want about their super-collosal complexities. Our credo is as stated; if there will be any further developments in gaining more understanding in smaller and simpler packaging, you can be certain that lonic will be in the forefront of this endeavor and crusade!



View of Performer packed for traveling

ers (two front, two rear) AUTOMATIC PANNING Sound moves at pre-determined rate, automatically; no set up; pull switch on or off

ANY ONE PLAYS INSTANTLY

Picture of Actual

Effect or Sound

Famed conductor, Pierre

Boulez said, "Woods, strings

and reeds are far more artificial

than the wind in the leaves.....

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and Plotted

Co-ordinates

1. Press the Yellow Switch H3 (White Noise/Filter) 2. Press the White Switch D5 (Filter/Output Amp) This is the wind. Adjustment to make it more whooshy can be found by adjusting the Yellow Knobs in the FILTER PANEL marked W, V and

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All pictures on this page are display signals formed on our Ionicamera screen. Any audio signal can immediately be transformed into a visual display or abstraction. A whole new art is upon us now. Synthesizers are ideal for generating such signals any picture displayed can be shaped with oscillator and shaper dials to any image you can imagine. Further the images can be made static (as on this page or constantly moving and undulating as the sound varies. Of course, ANY sound can be used: your voice, instruments, tapes, radio, etc. We propose that every child associates his every musical exploration with a visual image. Children exposed to this means of learning, can name the sound by seeing the display. As further evidence of the bolstering effect of sight to sound can easily be displayed when students learn to tune one source to another; lack of tuning will result in confused signals. On pitch is rewarded on the camera with a circle!

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lonicamera comes complete in a regular TV case. It will perform in a single mode, a double mode (X+Y axis) and as a conventional TV display screen. When used with the Digionic, the sequencer will control the series of pictures. They can be sequenced at various rates dependent on the setting.

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Specification

These are the traditional, technical means of specifications. All descriptions in parentheses atop a musical clef are for those readers of a musical bent. Though redundant, they add another perspective and should bring understanding.

OSCILLATOR 1:

Waveforms consist of sine and ramp spanning range of 1Hz to 20Hz; the sweep is continuous, without switching. Frequency settings are by a slow-motion, vernier dial.

(Timbre colorations of the first oscillator or voice are either flute-like or string-like. The flutey sound can have its timbre altered by the shaper dial. The pitch span is above and below hearing and is controlled and set by a vernier dial that will maintain the pitch wherever it is set; the pitch is stable and will not drift. The timbres can be mixed to suit the ear)

OSCILLATOR 2:

Same frequency range as oscillator one. Available waveforms are square and triangle; the shape control varies from assymetrical (short pulse and sawtooth) through a symmetrical (square and triangle) to a mirror image opposite to the first setting.

(Same range of pitch as oscillator one. Timbres available are a clarinetish voice and a reed-like voice; by manipulating the shaper dial, voices can be altered to sound string-like or to create a reiteration or a glissando sweep).

OSCILLATOR 3:

Same waveforms as oscillator two but is a bass version of same; the frequency range is .015 Hz to 500 Hz. Slow transitions of voltage control can be made.

(A bass version of oscillator two with the same timbres. The three oscillators would be comparable to two violins and a cello, for an extended range. Since the frequencies are mostly sub sonic (only the upper portion is audible and reproducible) the low pitches can be used for a variety of marvelous, musical controls).

ENVELOPE GENERATOR

Four time controls: attack, duration, decay and manual-automatic timer. The automatic control can be set, repeating automatically at a wide range of speeds; the other mode is to press the manual trigger button. Either function will cause the trigger-button light to indicate the start and completion of every cycle. The repetition frequency of the generator also functions as a control, trapezoid waveform.

(The envelope is the electronic equivalent of embouchure; anything done by the lips can be simulated by the envelope. The attack would be similar to the attack of a tongue on a reed or mouthpiece; it has a great variety of hard and soft attacks. Duration is the amount of time the pitch is sounded; decay is the length of time the tone will diminish in volume. Any tone that is not sustained would thus have these three items of time; this can lend better understanding to an in-



strumentalist, as to what he is creating on a conventional instrument. This is an excellent means to demonstrate embouchure, before using a mouthpiece. The fourth dial is a timer and will either set off the envelope, automatically, at an established rate or manually, by using the manual trigger, a keyboard key etc.)

FILTER

A bandpass filter with a resonating point; it can be manually or voltage controlled. When sharpened beyound the resonating or "Q" point, the circuit becomes a pure, sine wave. Only one of the three functions can be used at any one time.

(The filter will eliminate many of the low harmonics. At a certain resonating point it will cause the harmonic series to sound. Music students can now gain first hand experience with this phenomenon. When turned to a point beyond this resonating, the filter becomes a lovely, clear flute-like sound. It's excellent for a portamento sound and has an extremely wide spectrum of pitch (above and below hearing).

REVERBERATION

This spring reverb unit has a volume control

TRAPEZOID: Provides another shape for control

WHITE NOISE: A set coloration

(Not used much by traditional musicians as such; tones are fixed pitches ... noise is random; exciting departure).

RING MODULATOR: Has an output level control. Sine wave of oscillator 1 is permanently connected, allowing for the rapid addition of the second source.

(Adding any tone, voice or instrument to the flutey sound already in the RM will result in bell or chime-like resultant tones and effects.)

INPUT AMPLIFIERS: Voltage control of external sources and keyboard. Several rear terminals will accommodate a variety of sources (microphones, instruments, oscillators, tapes, recordings, radios etc). They can be mixed, combined and modulated and processed by the internal sources. Level controls for each channel appear on the

control panel. The dial for amplifier one serves a dual function of tuning the three oscillators into microtonal, macrotonal, well tempered temperaments, or anything else between these points.

OUTPUT AMPLIFIERS: The two output amplifiers have level controls and pan conthols with slide pots on the left cheek block of the keyboard. They are voltage controllable and can further be controlled by:

AUTOMATIC PAN: By merely pulling out this knob, you can pan the amplifiers, automatically, by a rate determined on the dial setting.

(Amplifiers can switch the sound from left to right, automatically, creating a very, desirable, spatial effect. The rate knob will determine the amount of time each channel will be sounding)

KEYBOARD: 49 standard, piano-size keys with internal oscillator (ramp and a sub octave in square). Tuning set in a welltempered mode with a fine-tuning adjustment

available. A level control, a frequency control and a control for amplitude (determined by the finger velocity) are on the left cheek block. Two switches determine the octave coupling and wave selection; a third switch will engage the internal oscillators in the touch sensitive mode to pitch.

simultaneously)

PRE SETS (Optional) Ten, ready-made settings (five for each channel) permit the performer to add modifications and controls,

(The keyboard oscillator will sound in the well-tempered mode in either a string-like or clarinet-like timbre. The controls also enable the player to sound the key played, an octave lower or both. One knob will control the tonality of the entire keyboard and it is simple to transpose the keyboard from one key to another. Another control will enable a player to add the volume of each key (much as with a piano) by the speed of the finger attack. In the touch sensitive mode, the oscillators on the panel can randomly sound, on one key, the entire tonal spectrum determined by the speed of the fingers. It is possible to play in a well-tempered and random mode,

immediately, without any adjustments and freeing the internal hardware for other uses. For example, the third oscillator will easily make a frequency modulation amplitude modulation. With pre sets, you can set either control in either or both channels, and still have the third oscillator free for other functions. The wah control is a veritable envelope (there are two) and one can, realistically, look at this addition as additional hardware.

(Pre sets will enable a player to add warmth and coloration to his tones, freeing up the voices for other uses. Vibrato and reiteration can be set on each channel at varying degrees and contrasts. The on-off function is much like that used, on a traditional instrument. Combining the wah sound with the envelope, is tantamount to rendering a more, complicated, interesting and unusual embouchure control than can be made by the envelope, solely. The portamento control is a novel sound unlike any traditional instrument. The tones will gliss or portament from one to another (much as in a style of vocalization) in a flute-like timbre).



For those of you not too technically inclined, here's a simple summation of what the DIGIONIC SEQUENCER BEAL TIME

The SEO 1 plays directly off the keyboard; no need to set dials

As many as 146 tones in each sequence. They can be sounded forward, retrograde, forward AND retrograde. In addition, there are three channels (ie: tones, rhythms and variations in filter and reverb!) 3 voltages. CONTROLLED RANDOM DEVELOPMENT

Feed in tones and the SEQ-1 will make many permutations. Achieve more than simple reiteration; the SEQ-1 almost composes. Great for serial rows.

DIGITAL DISPLAY

Numerals to indicate the point arrived at in the sequence (like a speedometer or digits on a tape recorder) **OPTIONS** (Extras)

OFF-LINE TAPING ABILITY

A terminal for use with a casette or tape recorder. Store and retain favorite sequences (like plano rolls). Feed back into the SEQ-1 and reset with little effort; a boon to editing techniques.

PRICE: Still \$495.00!!

Patents Pending

SPECIFICATIONS

IONIC DIGITAL MUSIC SEQUENCER SEQ-1

Introduction

The SEQ-1 is a digital storage device capable of providing a sequence of control voltages for an electronic music studio. The SEQ-1 incorporates the latest digital circuits to make possible features not found on conventional analog sequencers. Among them are:

- 1) Large storage
- 2) Real time programming
- 3) Random composition
- 4) Off line storage

The SEQ-1 can best be understood by comparison with a conventional analog sequencer.

- As an analog sequencer has one or more rows of pots, so the SEQ-1 has rows of storage cells. The SEQ-1 has three rows of storage called tracks, each of which contains a voltage to represent a note, amplitude or any other control parameter of the synthesizer.
- 2) The analog sequencer has a circuit for selecting the next pot to play, usually a light which 'shifts' from one pot to the next. So also the SEQ-1 has a circuit to select the next storage cell to play. The SEQ-1 can select the next ascending, next descending, or any cell, at random. When the top or bottom of the sequence is reached the SEQ-1 can stop or repeat the sequence, up or down.
- 3) In an analog sequencer the timing (time between each note) is usually controlled by one of the rows of pots. In the SEQ-1 the timing can be controlled by one of the tracks or, alternatively, it can run from a variable clock, or be stepped by hand.

- 4) The analog sequencer is 'programmed' by manually setting each dial (pot), adjusting it until the desired sound is produced, and moving on to the next dial (pot). The SEQ-1 is programmed in real time by playing the sequence on the keyboard. Each time a key is depressed, tracks one and two will store two parameters, such as frequency and ampliturde, of each note. The time between notes (Rhythm) is stored in track 3. Of course the SEQ-1 can be programmed note by note from three Local Pots provided on the control panel.
- 5) On an analog sequencer, when a new sequence is to be created, the old one is lost. To recreate it requires resetting all the dial (pots) to their old setting. The SEQ-1 provides (optionally) a signal which can be fed to any hi-fi tape recorder to save the current sequence. To recreate it at a later time, merely requires playing the tape back into the SEQ-1.

Theory of Operation

In very general terms the operation of the SEQ-1 will be explained. At the heart of the SEQ-1 is a digital memory. It has a capacity of 3x1034 bits of information grouped into words of 7 bits. Each group of 7 bits is called a storage cell, or note.

Three problems arise in the design of a sequencer.

The first problem is to determine which of the storage cells is to be played or recorded. The 'Note Address' determines which cell will be played or recorded on the next occurrence of the 'Master Trigger'.

EXPANSION POSSIBILITIES

Space has been provided for doubling and tripling the length, numerically, of the sequences. Call for pricing.

Afti After one tone has been played (or recorded) the next pro problem is to determine which tone to sound next. If the No Note Address is not changed, the same tone will repeat (nc (not a very interesting melody). A means is provided to alter the Note Address in one of three ways, on each occurrence of a Master Trigger:

- 1. It can be incremented to the next cell,
- 2. It can be decremented to the previous cell, or
- 3. It can be stored with an address unrelated to the current one, *i.e.*, a random address.

The Master Trigger is the solution to the third problem. Th namely that of determining 'when' to play a note. On each na occurrence of the Master Trigger, a tone is played, reoc corded, and the Note Address is altered. The Master Trig-CC ger can be generated from an external input, such as a ge keyboard trigger. It can come from an internal, variable ke clock or manual button, or it can be generated from track cl 3 storage. 3

- T To summarize the three problems and their solutions:
 - 1) Which note to play now Note Address
 - 2) Which note to play next Note Address Alteration
 - 3) When to play/record/alter Master Trigger

[Detailed Specifications of inputs,

c outputs, and controls

Storage:

- Number of Tracks (channels) 3
- Length of sequence 146 notes in each track

Storage cell size — 7 bits, producing an accuracy in voltage representation of .78%.

Inputs

- Input 1, Input 2, Input 3 The control voltages to be recorded in tracks 1, 2, and 3 respectively are derived from these terminals at the time of a Master Trigger.
- Trigger In An external trigger from the keyboard or other source is input to the SEQ-1 at this terminal. The trigger from this terminal can be selected as the Master Trigger.
- Tape In If the Off Line Tape option is installed, the input from the off line recorder is obtained from this terminal.
- 4) Start sequence trigger trigger will start the sequence as if the start was pushed.

Outputs

- Output 1, Output 2, Output 3 The output from the cell currently addressed by the Note Address is available at these terminals from Track 1, Track 2, and Track 3 respectively.
- Trigger Out The Master Trigger is available at this terminal. It can be used as a trigger for the envelope on the synthesizer.
- Tape Out If the Off Line Tape option is installed, a signal containing the contents of the Memory is available at this terminal when the Save button is operated; it can then be recorded on a tape recorder.

Controls

Master Trigger Selection

The Master Trigger determines when to: a) play a tone, b) record a tone, and c) alter the note address. It is derived from various sources as selected by the following controls.

- 1) External Trigger In Jack
- 2) Clock an internal, variable clock
- Track 3 the contents of track 3 determine how long to wait before generating the next master trigger.
- 4) Single each time this control is depressed.
- 5) Speed controls the speed of the variable, internal clack.

Address Control

The Address Controls determine how the Note Address is to be altered on the next Master Trigger.

- 1) Off the Note Address is not altered
- 2) Count Up The Note Address is incremented by one
- 3) Count Down The Note Address is decremented by one
- 4) Random A new Note Address is selected at random
- 5) Reset The Note Address is set to 0
- End Stop When the end of the sequence is reached the sequencer will repeat as determined by the following control.
- Reverse If off, the sequence will repeat in same direction. If on, the sequence will repeat in the reverse direction.

Record Controls

The record controls determine which track, if any, is to be recorded on each Master Trigger. One or more can be selected. If Timing and Track 3 are both selected, Timing takes preference.

- 1) Track 1-
- 2) Track 2-
- 3) Track 3 —
- 4) Timing Local 1, Local 2, Local 3. Record in Track 3 the time between successive Master Trig-
- 5) Track 1 External When Up, the control voltages
- 6) Track 2 External determined by the Local Pots
- 7) Track 3 External are recorded in the tracks
- selected by the above controls
 1, 2, and 3. When Depressed,
 the control voltages present
 at the Inputs are recorded in
 the tracks selected by the above controls.
 8) Local 1—
 A source of local control vol 9) Local 2
 - by the above controls 5, 6, and 7.

Record the signal presented

at Input 1, Input 2, or Input 3 or selected by the Local Pots:

Miscellaneous Controls

10)Local 3-

- 1) Start Start the SEQ-1 playing a sequence
- 2) Stop Stop the SEQ-1
- 3) Save If the Off Line Tape option is installed, present the contents of Memory at the Tape Out Terminal.
- Fetch If the Off Line Tape option is installed, record Memory from data present at the Tape In terminal.

Indicators

- 1) Running The SEQ-1 is playing a sequence
- Tape On If the Off Line Tape option is installed, Memory is currently being Saved or Fetched.

Physical Construction

The SEQ-1 is in an aluminum cabinet with a sloping front panel and wood end pieces. All controls and indicators are on the front panel; all Input/Output Terminals are on a rear panel. A bottom cover plate is removable for access to the electronics.

Options (Extras)

- Real Time Off Line Recording a signal is provided for a tape recorder much like the Save/Fetch signal except that it will be recorded in real time as the sequence is input from the Keyboard. It can later be played back into the sequencer and produce a sequence as if it were recorded in Memory.
- 2) Note Address Indicator A numeric, digital readout will indicate the current note address.
- Expansion Memory Provision in the PC board for the addition of extra Tracks of Memory.

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We are now so near to technological wonders and achievements, it is difficult for us to understand and respond with any certainty. In cultural circles, it is recent; the masses of fans are too overwhelmed to make a confident decision or opinion. Most of us, are licensed drivers to operate motor vehicles; by comparing advances made in Detroit, we can better evaluate what technology represents in the arts. In 1939, the Oldsmobile branch of GM introduced a revolution in driving: a small option, called Hydra Matic, now enabled one to operate an auto without any knowledge of shifting gears. Eliminating this complexity, now made it possible for anyone of limited skills to brave the highways, seated behind the wheel. Abandoning shift changes and clutches, reduced the operation of the car to merely starting and stopping, accelerating and steering. Anyone with the need or whim to become self mobile now found this a simple reality.

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