VSL Concert D-274 Essentials

The Vienna Symphonic Library announces the release of Concert D-274 Essentials, the virtual reprensentation of a Steinway & Sons concert grand D-274, Hamburg model. The new library is the entry-level version of the previously released Synchron Concert D-274, offering all the nuances this piano is famous for in a streamlined, accessible virtual instrument. Concert D-274 Essentials is currently available at an introductory price of €89 (reg. €139). An upgrade path from the Essentials edition to the premium collection is available. To mark the occasion, the Austrian company is running a promotion with discounts of up to 40% that includes all four concert grands that were captured in the large hall of Vienna Synchron Stage: Synchron Fazioli F308, Synchron Bösendorfer Imperial, Synchron Yamaha CFX, and Synchron Concert D-274.

Handpicked by virtuoso Stefan Mendl of Vienna Piano Trio fame, VSL’s very own Steinway & Sons Concert D-274 ranks among the best sounding pianos in Vienna. Expertly sampled to perfection in the lush Hollywood-proven ambience of the acclaimed Stage A of Vienna Synchron Stage, this iconic concert grand fascinates with its warm, resonant, and detailed tone that make this instrument a favorite among pianists worldwide.

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The Concert D is a masterpiece of both sound and design. To capture its full range of nuances, Vienna’s engineers developed a highly precise motion-control system featuring a solenoid-operated, noise-free “robot finger.” This micro-controller moves the finger with superhuman precision, allowing for flexible curvatures in both key down-strokes and release movements. While offering fewer velocity layers than the premium Synchron Concert D-274 collection, the “Essentials” version delivers breathtaking realism. Recorded in the exceptional acoustics of the expansive main hall of Vienna Synchron Stage – renowned for its warm, transparent, and natural sound – this space serves as the perfect backdrop for the majestic D-274.

The software instrument includes masterfully crafted presets that users can shape to create their individual Steinway tone. From adjusting resonance and shaping individual key dynamics to filtering specific ranges or even tweaking individual notes, the intuitive interface of the Synchron Piano Player gives users unparalleled creative control while offering a natural, hyper-realistic playing experience. Body resonance, sympathetic resonance, additional algorithmic reverb, and even pitch, volume and EQ per note can be adjusted easily in the user-friendly interface.

It is worth mentioning that Concert D-274 Essentials is included as a bonus library in VSL's Studio Special Edition Vol. 1.

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