Baby Piano demo and paid packs for Caustic 2

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The Baby Piano is a Chinese Toy Piano. I found it at a flea market and it obviously has seen better days. There are 2 keys missing, its casing is worn out and there are loose parts in it. The sound is not even from one key to another partly because the mechanism of some keys is damaged and it's also not in tune.

It's nonetheless lovely and its sound begged to be sampled. I did not stop there and I also made unique resynthesized sounds from the original samples.

The Caustic version is optimized for the PCMSynth from the regular computer version. This means that there are no velocity layers and the key ranges are a bit shorter. The free demo pack has 5 PCMSynth presets. The paid pack adds 9 for a combined total of 14 PCMSynth presets. All are multi-sampled. Both must be installed to have the complete content.

Sounds in the demo:

- Baby Piano real: The real thing, acoustic Baby Piano mapped from G3 to F5 only on white keys. The pitch heard does not match the key played except for G3. Notes play for their full length.
- BP remap: Acoustic Baby Piano mapped chromatically from C3 to C6 with root notes that match the keys played. Notes play for their full length.
- Honky: resynthesized sound
- Soft Buzz: resynthesized sound
- Strange EP: resynthesized sound

Sounds in the paid version:

- Baby Piano soft: Acoustic Baby Piano mapped from G3 to F5 only on white keys. The pitch heard does not match the key played except for G3. Notes play for their full length. Uses softer velocities.
- BP remap soft: Acoustic Baby Piano mapped chromatically from C3 to C6 with root notes that match the keys played. Notes play for their full length. Uses softer velocities.
- Buzzpluck: resynthesized sound
- Dark Bell: resynthesized sound
- OldClock: resynthesized sound
- Plucky: resynthesized sound
- Strong Buzz: resynthesized sound
- Sweep: resynthesized sound
- Sweet Tine: resynthesized sound

Details

<u>Name</u>	Key range	Size (KB)	
Baby Piano real	G4 - F6 white keys only	5,776	Demo
Baby Piano soft	G4 - F6 white keys only	5,581	Demo
BP remap	C3 - C7	4,040	
BP remap soft	C3 - C7	3,900	
Buzzpluck	C1 - C7	3,208	
Dark Bell	C1 - C6	9,821	
Honky	C1 - C8	4,179	Demo
OldClock	C1 - C7	6,535	
Plucky	C1 - C7	3,536	
Soft Buzz	C1 - C7	3,716	Demo
Strange EP	C1 - C7	5,540	Demo
Strong Buzz	C1 - C7	1,895	
Sweep	C1 - C7	3,529	
Sweet Tine	C1 - C7	9,227	

The 4 first presets are in the Play once mode so the notes play for their full length. The other ones are in the Note On/Off mode so the volume envelope is active. Don't hesitate to tailor the sounds with it. For instance, having a slower attack takes out the bite of the percussive attack.

Mode can be changed via the mode button on the PCMSynth panel, note that it has to be changed for each sample.

Note that this is a subset of the Baby Piano available for various samplers. The wav files are included in the computer version but not in the Caustic version: http://lesproductionszvon.com/Baby_piano.htm

Here's what Ronnie from rekkerd wrote about the regular computer version:

"Baby Piano sounds exactly like you would expect: a broken, fragile sounding toy piano. It's a perfect example of how something one might consider to be trash can still be used to create some lovely instruments. I find it inspiring"

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