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Fretlight Improviser for Mac Now Available

Guitarists Can Practice Lead Guitar Parts with Interactive Solution

July 15, 2008, Reno, NV — Optek Music Systems, Inc. (www.fretlight.com), a leading company dedicated to the development of interactive musical instruments and software, today announced the release of Fretlight Improviser for Mac. A customizable software solution for intermediate to advanced level guitar players, Improviser for Mac allows guitarists to practice improvisation and advance their skills in a revolutionary way. This is the company's third solution for Mac users, following their release of M-Player for Mac in May and a plug-in for GarageBand in 2006.

Working hand-in-hand with the Fretlight FG-400 series guitars, the world's first real computer-powered teaching guitars, experienced guitarists can advance their playing by isolating the lead guitar part. With a selection of over 100 backing tracks in every musical style, Improviser for Mac meets the needs of all types of lead guitarists and electronic musicians. It is a turnkey solution designed to replace the historically time-consuming task of scale experimentation by quickly uncovering the appropriate scale choices for soloing over chord progressions. In addition, with Improviser, interactivity with popular and widely available MIDI files is now a reality.

Upon choosing a backing track, Fretlight Improviser for Mac suggests which scale or scales the guitarist should use to solo over the provided chord progression. For composers, Optek has also enabled interactivity with standard MIDI files. A digital language that provides for communication between electronic musical instruments, MIDI creates a one-man band scenario allowing for faster creation and composition of music. Using Fretlight Improviser for Mac, players can take any standard MIDI file, coupled with a MIDI sequencer program, and configure MIDI files of their compositions for practice on the Fretlight guitar.

"Guitarists can instantly see what scale choices they have to improvise with over various chord progressions," said Rusty Shaffer, President & CEO of Optek Music Systems. "In the process, learning more about their instrument and the connections made between chords and scales."

The FG-400 Series Fretlight Guitar enables beginner, intermediate, and advanced guitarists to learn chords, scales, and songs from a series of LED lights embedded in the guitar's fretboard, which signify where the user's fingers should be placed. Connected via the USB port of a standard Mac and driven by a selection of educational software titles, such as Improviser, the Fretlight guitar allows users to learn, memorize, and play a wide variety of rhythm and lead guitar styles. With the ability to learn and create guitar music at the user's individual pace, the Fretlight interactive system is designed to help players at every level.

Fretlight Improviser for Mac is compatible for Mac OS X and higher. A sound card and a USB port (1.0 or 2.0) is required. A free, 14 day trial is available at www.fretlight.com, after which the price is \$39.95.

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About Optek Music Systems, Inc.

Founded in 1988 and headquartered in Windham, New Hampshire, Optek Music Systems, Inc. is a privately held music education company whose products are available via their web site and through music retailers and distributors throughout the world. Thousands of users have experienced the educational power of Optek and their products. They have several U.S. and international patents as well as patents pending for advanced guitar learning systems and musical instrument manufacturing designs. For more information, visit www.optekmusic.com or call (800) 575-6511.

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