

## Tips and Tricks

### **Tip 2 : Loading Midi Files onto the Hard Disk of an OAS instrument**

Many Midi files are available on discs. However, there are also many more that can be downloaded from the Internet and then saved to a USB Stick (Thumb Drive) or other storage device. (If you have a network you can also transfer them directly to your OAS instrument.)

When loading files into the OAS database which is stored on the Hard Disk of your OAS instrument, you first have to choose where to load them from, with the normal descriptions being A = Floppy Disk, C = Internal Hard disk, D = DVD/CD Drive and E = External Drive. (This could be a USB Stick, External Hard Drive or any storage device that can be plugged into the USB Ports of your OAS instrument.)

As Wersi has co-operated with the publishing house of Hildner to develop Midi files, it is one of their Midi file discs that I will use as an example of how to copy the Midi files to the Hard Disk which is inside your OAS instrument. The files I will be copying come from their Opera and Operetta disc which features 61 GM (General Midi) files.

First insert the disc into the DVD/CD drive of your OAS instrument and then from the main screen touch the Settings tab. On the screen that appears touch the OAS Database button and in the box that appears touch the ACC Manager Button. In the screen that appears, look at the top left for ACC Types, touch the white down arrow below it and you can then touch the Midi name. (This will now turn red and means that the instrument will now look only for Midi files.) You can now select whether you wish to load the Midi files sequentially into the free storage locations of the internal Hard Disk or set up different categories for each disc or type of Midi file. (Ballroom, Swing, Hildner etc)

First the Fast way: down on the bottom right of the display touch the Load CD button. A box will appear telling you how many files are on the disc (in this case 61) and asking if you wish to load them. Touch the Yes button. A screen opens that shows the available locations in the OAS Database, with the first free one highlighted in yellow. (If required you can change this first position by turning the data wheel and touching where you want the files to start.) Touch the Load Acc button and after a short time the files are loaded. A folder will be created in the User Groups called Import Date (this will be the date you loaded the files) and, if there are other folders on the disc, these will also be loaded into the User Groups with their own names.

To check that the files have been loaded, touch the Back button until the Settings screen appears and then touch the Main Tab. You can now use Quickload to see if the files are there, so touch Quickload followed by the Midi tab across the top. Touch the white down arrow below the User Group name and touch the Import Date name. This will then turn red and a list of files will be shown at the far left. (If you cannot see the folder, turn the Data Wheel to scroll through the list.) Touch the name of one of the files (it will turn red) and then touch the Load button. The file name will be shown in the centre of the screen and you can then press the Start/Stop button to play the file. (The volume is controlled by the Song Drawbar/Slider.) You can also play along with the Midi file on the keyboard.

The Longer and more controlled way: from the Main screen touch the Settings Tab and, on the screen that appears, touch the OAS Database button followed by the Acc Manager Button on the new box that appears. On the screen that is now displayed, touch the white down arrow under Acc Types and then touch the Midi name. (This will now turn red.) Next we need to create a new folder to store our files. Touch the New Group button and a typewriter keyboard will appear on the

screen. Use the delete key to delete the letters already there, and then type in the name Hildner 1 followed by the Enter button. (The new group has now been created.) Look in the column under User Groups (touch the White arrow under User Groups if the column is not showing) and you should now see the Hildner 1 folder. (Use the Data Wheel to scroll down the list if required.)

To the right of the screen touch the Acc Load button. A new screen appears with a column showing all the Midi files on the disc, (If none are shown touch the CD Rom button.) Touch the first name in the column (this will turn red) and, while continuing to press on the screen, slide your finger down the list until all of the 61 files are highlighted (all turned red). You can then remove your finger from the screen and touch the OK button. (If you want to load only one file just touch the file name you wish to load and press OK.) On the following screen you can choose where to store the files. The first free location is highlighted in yellow. If you wish to store the file at a different location, turn the Data Wheel until you come to the location you require and touch it. (This new location will now turn yellow.) Next you need to choose what group to store the files in (in this case Hildner 1). Touch the White Arrow next to the name User Group and in the column that appears touch the Hildner 1 name. (This will now turn yellow.) If you cannot see the name turn the Data Wheel to scroll through the list until it is shown. Touch the Acc Load button and in a short time the files will be stored in the OAS Database on the internal Hard Disk. Keep touching the back button until you return to the Settings screen and then touch the tab at the top left of the screen called Main. You can now use Quickload to select and play the files.

Touch the Quickload button followed by the Midi tab across the top, touch the white down arrow below the User Group name and touch the Hildner 1 name. This will then turn red and a list of files will be shown at the far left. (If you cannot see the folder, turn the Data Wheel to scroll through the list.) Touch the name of one of the files (it will turn red) and then touch the Load button. The file name will be shown in the centre of the screen and you can then press the Start/Stop button to play the file. (The volume is controlled by the Song Drawbar/Slider) You can also play along with the Midi file on the keyboard.

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