

HOW TO SET THINGS UP

WELCOME!

Thank you for using Art Conductor! This manual will get you started. We will show you how to install Art Conductor and navigate the thousands of templates you bought. Once you've read a few pages, it's super simple.

A second manual, "Art Conductor: Set Up Your Libraries," covers the specifics of individual libraries. You can find it in the Art Conductor folder you downloaded already.

Ensure you read at least a few paragraphs about the libraries you use in your DAW template. This will save you a lot of time because 90% of the support inquiries we receive are explained there. So, if you own a Spitfire library (and especially if you own a Spitfire library), dial up the relevant paragraph 😊

Please bookmark our online help: <https://www.babylonwaves.com/support/>

For those of you who prefer videos, please open the following links:

Logic tutorials:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRMxWWiuJcg_R0Wtqaqdrfmh5mEjMf-EO

Cubase tutorials:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRMxWWiuJcg9mgJ769XxwnAbnt42c-LaN>

Digital Performer:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRMxWWiuJcg-7X7Fx5wG_G5_ktfIHc2W

Studio One:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRMxWWiuJcg-Vb-Fdzp4tG9Lpd9w7fwlf>

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HOW TO SETUP ART CONDUCTOR IN LOGIC

INSTALLATION

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- ✦ The Art Conductor archive
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Unzipping the Art Conductor archive creates a new "Art Conductor Logic" folder containing all the content. Take this folder and copy it to the following location on your Mac:

[`/Users/account name/Music/Audio Music Apps/Articulation Settings`](#)

If an "Articulation Settings" folder doesn't exist in your "Audio Music Apps" folder, you can make one of your own by creating a blank/new Articulation Set in Logic and saving it.

“account name” represents your user name. To load a set, click “Articulations...” in the Logic track parameters. But I’m sure you know this already.

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OVERVIEW

In the following chapters, you will find details on how to get the best out of Art Conductor. Here are some video recommendations for those just starting to use Articulation Sets. On our Art Conductor Logic Playlist, you can find everything from installation help to specific setup guides for several sample players.

ART CONDUCTOR Video Tutorials:

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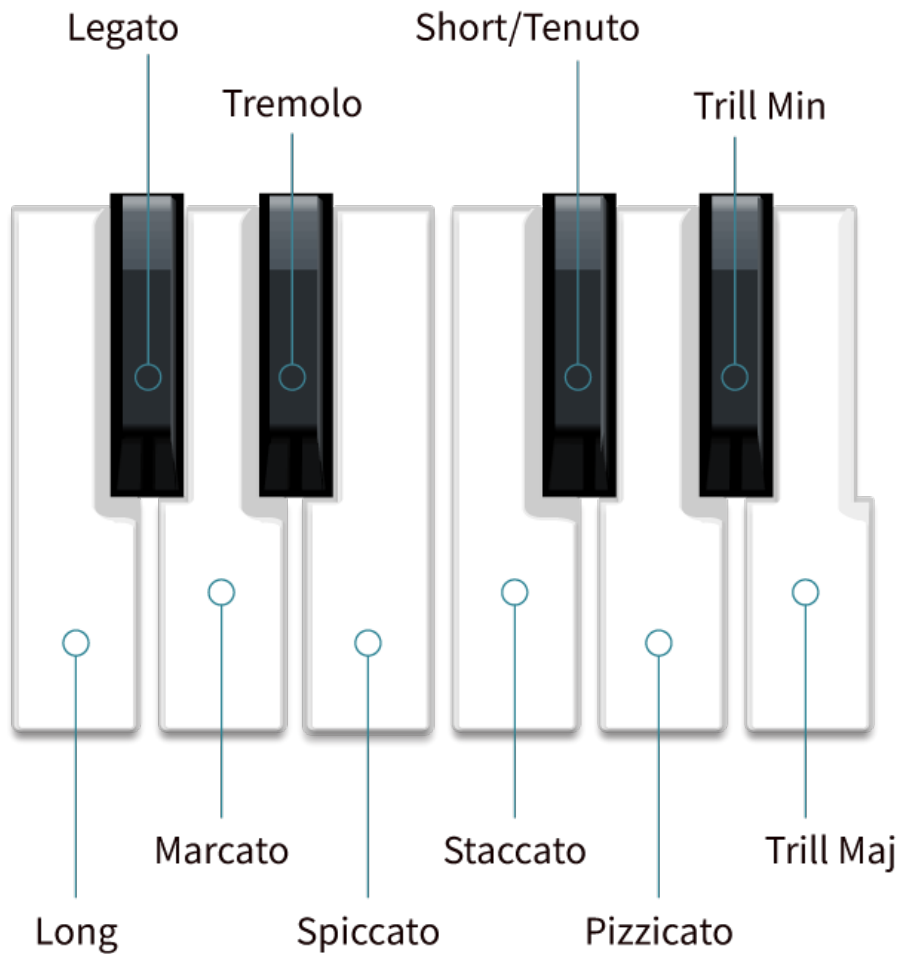
KEY SWITCHES

Art Conductor uses a unified key switch system. The essential switches are always on the same note, and as a result, you can remember them better and control libraries from different manufacturers much more effortlessly. They can be found in the lowest octave starting at C-2.

We've recently started using PolyPressure MIDI events to control the remaining articulations. That's more convenient for you, and you won't switch the articulation by accident anymore when playing the instrument.

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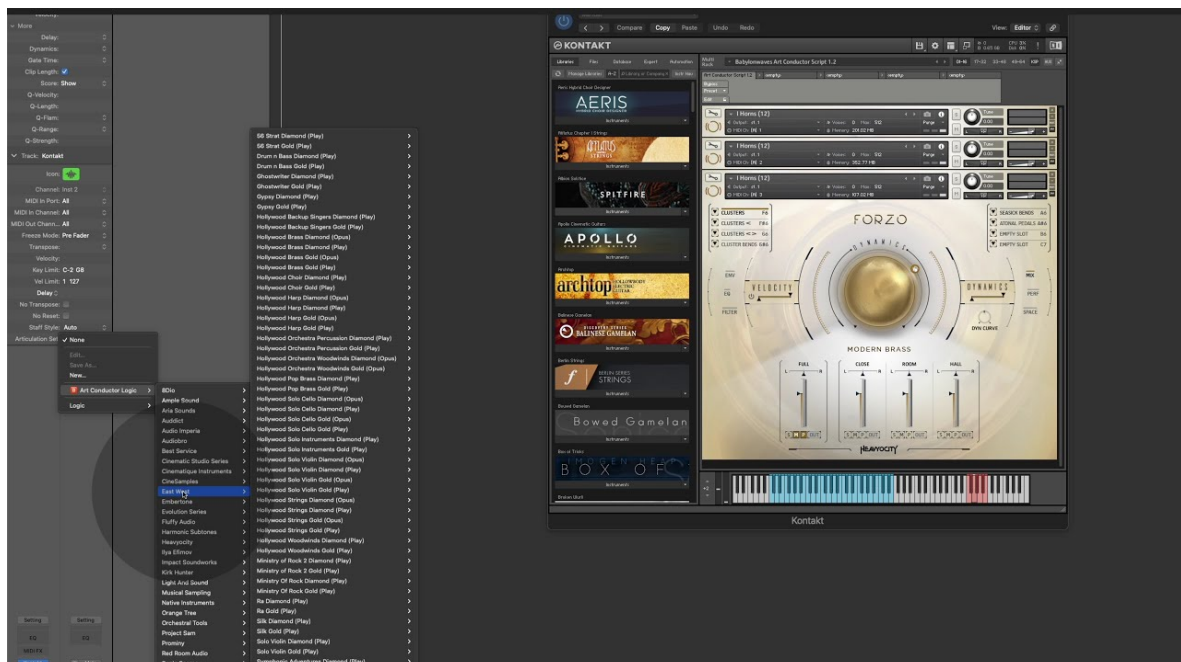
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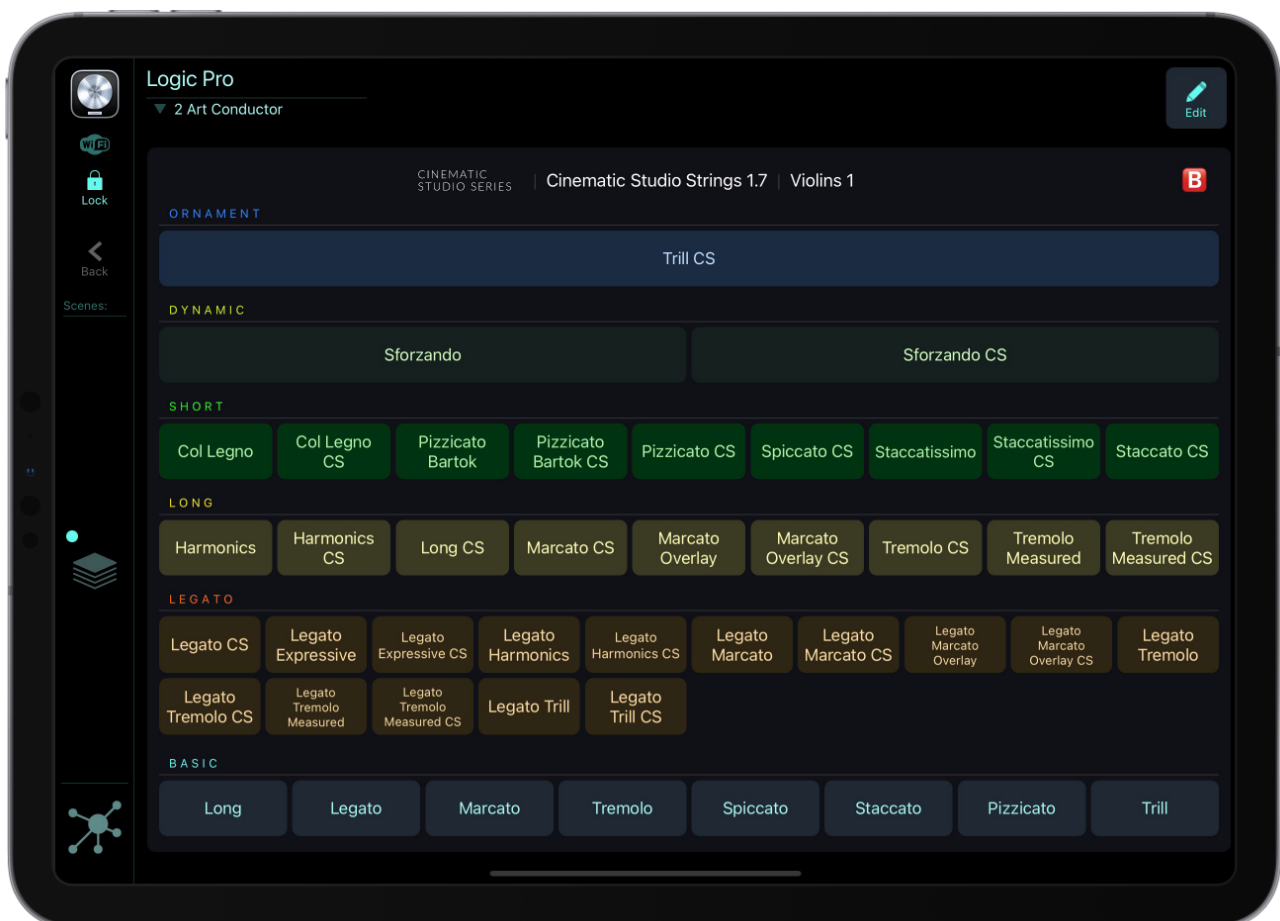
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ARTICULATION REMOTE FOR LOGIC

Babylonwaves, MetaSystem, and Speakerfood have collaborated to bring a first-class articulation-switching experience to Apple Logic Pro.



By making our flagship products PlugSearch, MetaGrid Pro, and Art Conductor compatible, a new and intuitive workflow for dealing with articulations became possible.

A new Art Conductor object has been added to MetaGrid Pro. Once you add an Art Conductor articulation set to a track in Logic, MetaGrid immediately displays all articulations available. When switching to a different track, your iPad will automatically follow.

Categories and colour-coding conveniently group the displayed articulations. The most essential techniques are located on the bottom row for quick access.

You can select the specific articulation you wish to record on your iPad. You can also modify the articulation in the piano roll by pressing a single button.

Control and edit articulations from your iPad:

<https://www.babylonwaves.com/logic-remote>

Videos:

Intro Video: <https://youtu.be/rSV0IIJ4k9c>

Walkthrough Video: <https://youtu.be/UEwsORcOx2w>

Setup Video (watch this!): <https://youtu.be/QDXK4kiSTxI>

- Important – Up-to-date maps are required. Articulation Remote for Logic requires recent Articulation Maps—at least Art Conductor 9.2 or higher. If you have older maps in your Projects or Templates, you need to update those maps.

PlugSearch can update the articulation sets for you, and details can be found here:

<https://speakerfood.com/apps/help-center#hc-how-do-i-update-an-older-art-conductor-articulation-set-to-a-newer-version>

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Unzipping the Art Conductor archive creates an "Art Conductor Cubase" folder with all the content. To load a map, open the Expression Map editor in Cubase or Nuendo and press the *Load* button. In the past, many have asked where to install the maps – there is no Cubase folder where they need to go, so you can put them wherever you want. Also, as it turns out, there is no easy way to install many maps in one go.

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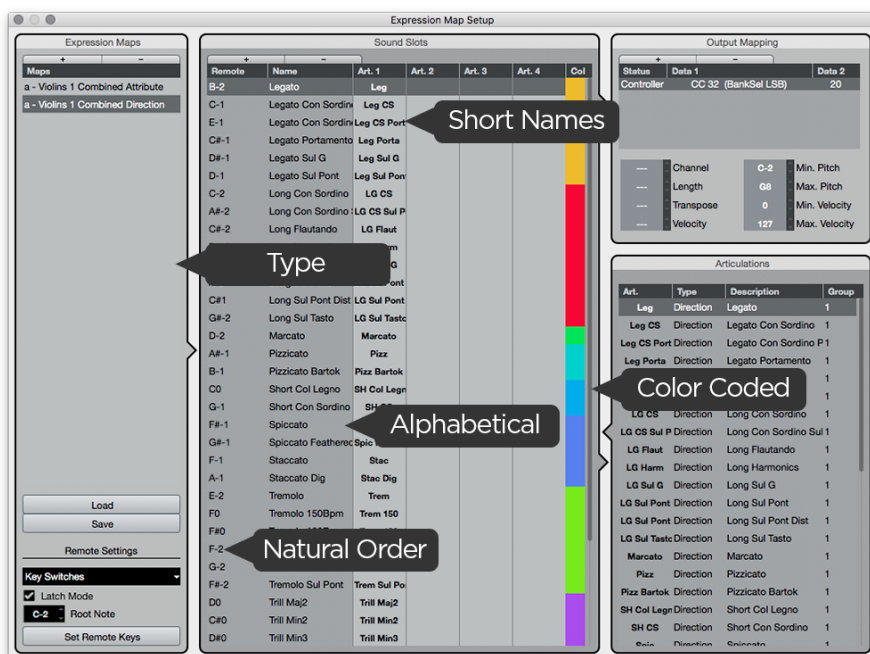
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Art Conductor Video Tutorials:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRMxWWiuJcg9mgJ769XxwnAbnt42c-LaN>

THE EXPRESSION MAP SETUP IN CUBASE/NUENDO

Here's a picture of how things might look when you open the EM setup in Cubase and load one of our maps:



HOW EVERYTHING IS SET UP

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Short names	We've tried to balance two things: using the same names in every map (sometimes independently of the native names in the library) and also keeping the name of the library. I know that contradicts to a degree, and we spent a great deal of time finding the right balance.
Colors	We use color-coding for the articulations. This way, for instance, all Legatos are orange, and all Longs (or Sustains) are red.
FX Sets	There are so-called "FX Sets" which order the remote keys chronologically from C-2 onwards. We use these sets for instruments which don't really feature standard articulations, and would therefore waste an entire octave on non-assigned remote keys. FX Sets have the following sign at the end of the file name: ~

KEY SWITCHES

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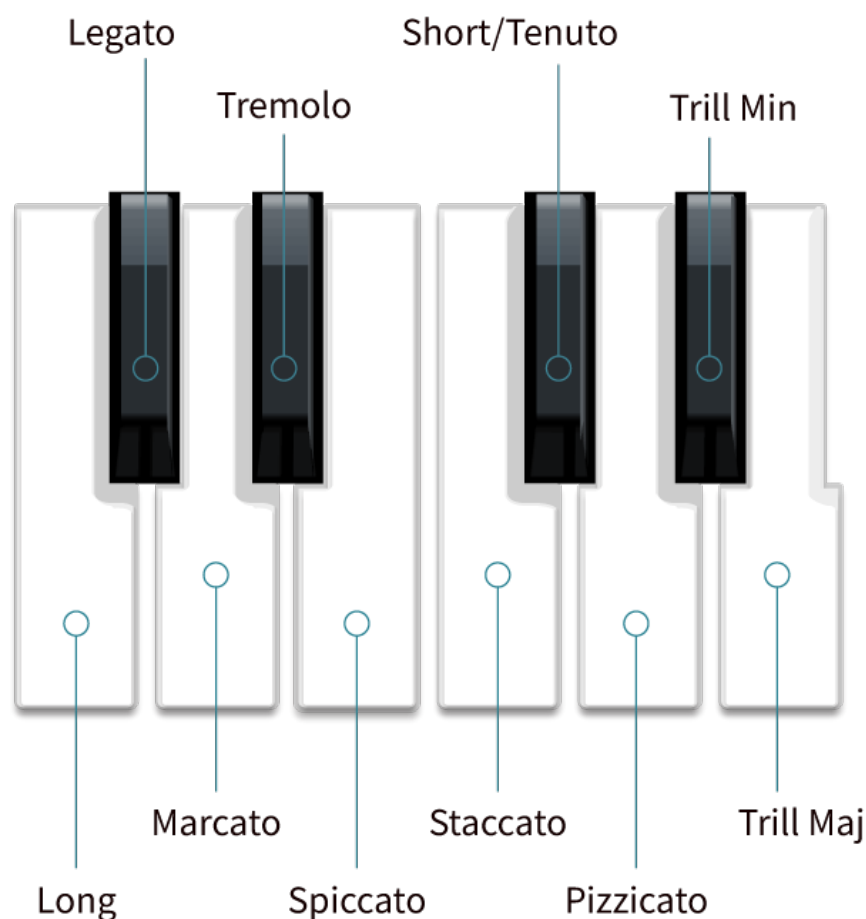
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It should be mentioned that some libraries use key switches in the higher registers. Some switches might stop working if you decide to move up the Root Note for the key switches to best use your keyboard's real estate. This is because the span of MIDI notes is limited, and the notes become too high.

Another thing worth mentioning is that Logic has a MIDI channel setting in the Articulation setup. If you have a second keyboard or another way to input key switches,

use another channel – this will avoid any issues with large amounts on lower octave key switches. Here's the layout:



WHY IS THE FIRST KEY SWITCH EMPTY?

You might notice that in every articulation set, the first expression is “- -” which stands for empty. Choosing this articulation will choose no specific expression. Cubase switches to the first expression when you start recording. Of course, this might be an issue when you want to record with a specific expression. Using the empty first slot, you can choose an articulation in the instrument, record it, and then assign the correct expression to the notes you’ve recorded.

Alternatively, use the key switches to choose the articulation while recording.

DIRECTIONS AND ATTRIBUTE

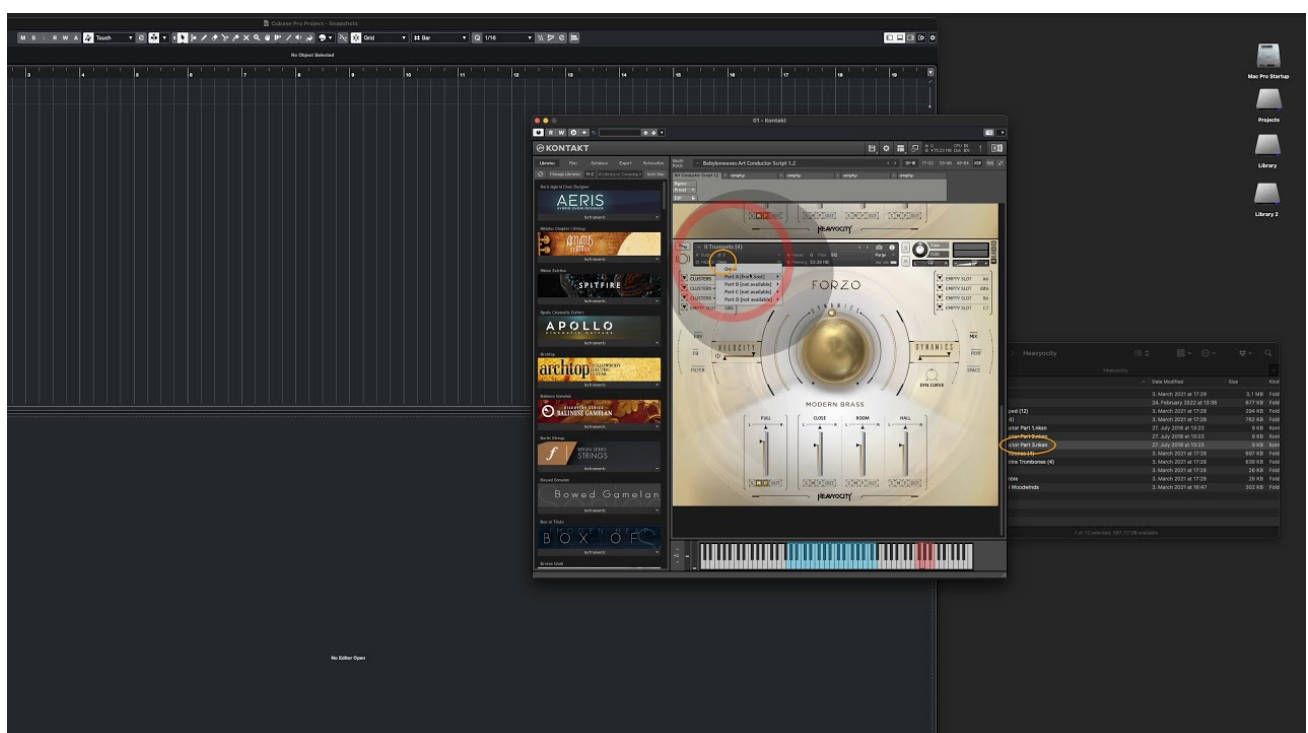
You might have already spotted that every map exists in two variations, one with a “D” for Direct at the end of the file name and the other with an “A” for Attribute. We’ve decided to supply you with both options because there are different ways of working with expression maps.

Ultimately, all that matters is that this library speeds up your workflow and enables you to focus more on composing and less on technicalities.

Details on Directions and Attributes can be found in the Cubase / Nuendo manuals.

SNAPSHOTS

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HOW TO SETUP ART CONDUCTOR IN STUDIO ONE

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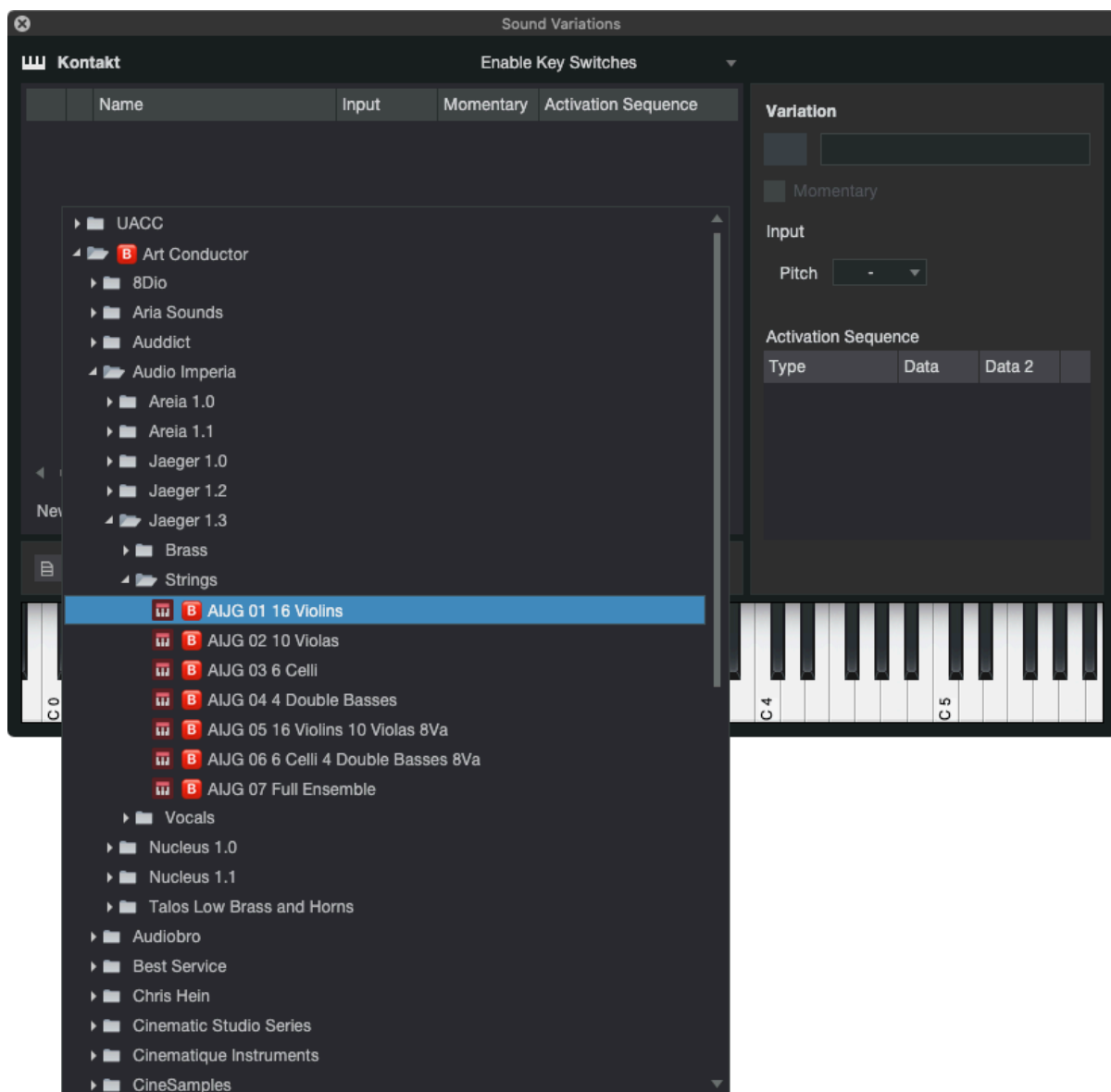
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Unzipping the Art Conductor archive creates a sound set called " Art Conductor Studio One.soundset". It contains all the content. Double-click it to open it, and it will install automatically.

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■ **Don't replace a Sound Variation in an ongoing project unless you have to.**



OVERVIEW

In the following Chapters, you will find details on how to get the best out of Art Conductor. This is all written, assuming you know how to work with Sound Variations. More information on this feature can be found in the Studio One manual.

Art Conductor Video Tutorials:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRMxWWiuJcg-Vb-Fdzp4tG9Lpd9w7fw1f>

To start experimenting, open the Sound Variation editor in Studio One. You'll find the Art Conductor sound set you installed in there.

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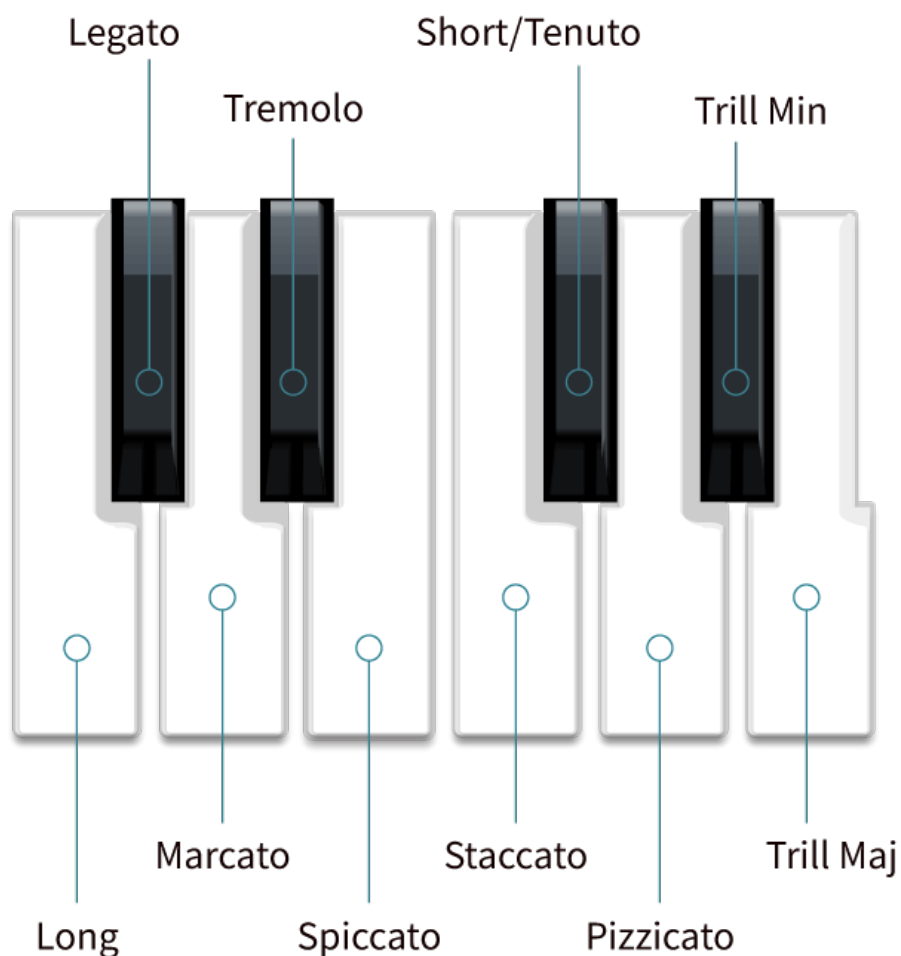
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About Snapshot presets:

<https://youtu.be/FC2zng9DKWk>

Note: In this video, we use a different DAW to explain this Kontakt-related feature. Details and step-by-step instructions on Snapshots are in the "Setup your Library" manual. Make sure you read them.

HOW TO SETUP ART CONDUCTOR IN CAKEWALK

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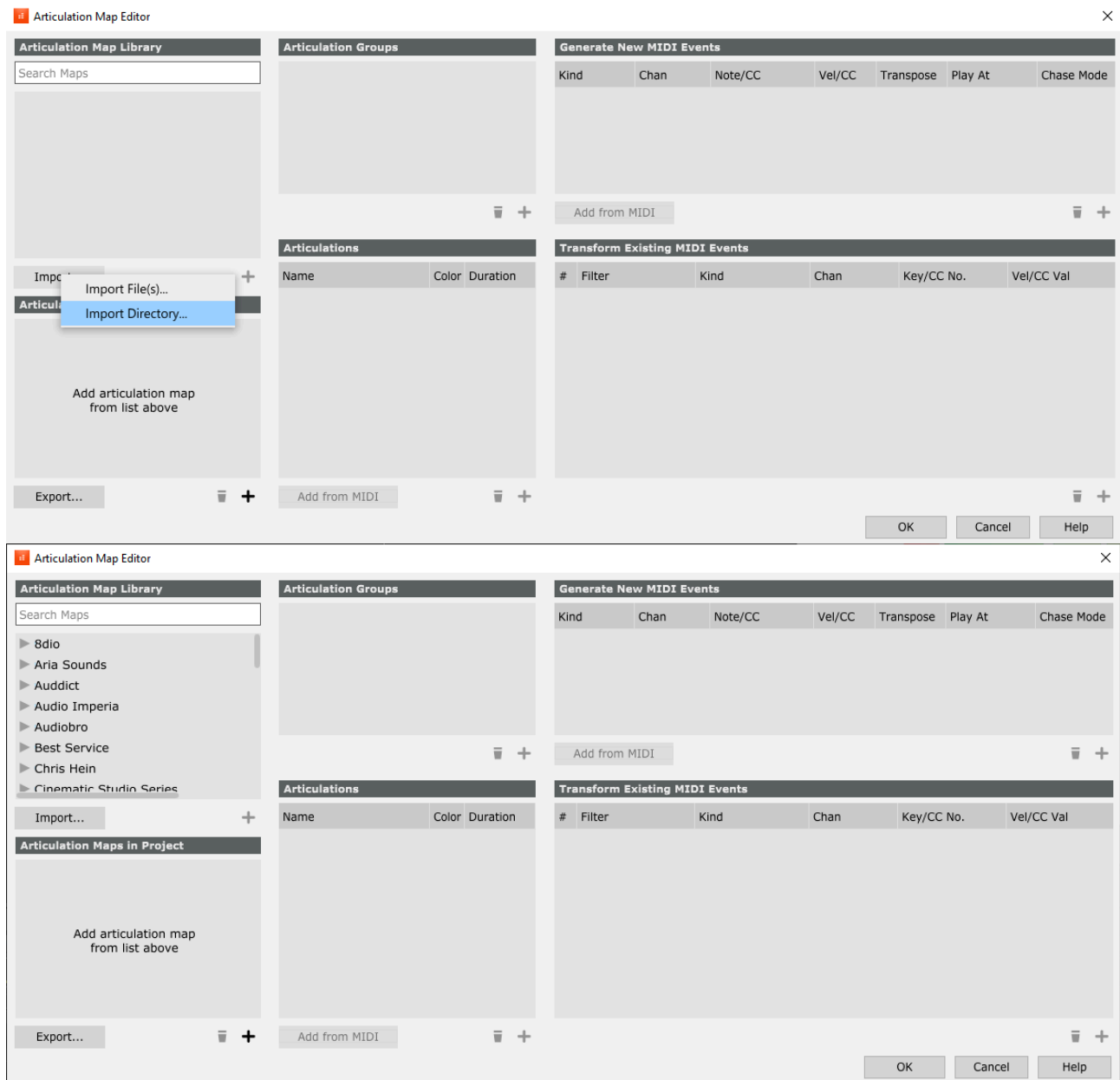
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Unzipping the Art Conductor archive creates a folder called "Art Conductor Cakewalk" that contains all the content. Open Cakewalk, navigate to Articulation Map Editor, click Import -> Import Directory and choose the entire folder above. Due to the number of files, the Import will take some time.

Once done, you'll see all the folders and files imported to the Articulation directory of Cakewalk:



From there, please refer to the Cakewalk manual to understand what you're seeing and how to work with it. The remaining part deals with Art Conductor and some special libraries.

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However, this will not automatically replace the Art Conductor files in your projects. You need to load the Articulation Maps again to update them.

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OVERVIEW

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Art Conductor Video Tutorials:

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We also make extensive use of groups in Cakewalk. A group is like a folder of individual Articulation Maps. This way, you can load a group and instantly access several maps belonging to the same library.

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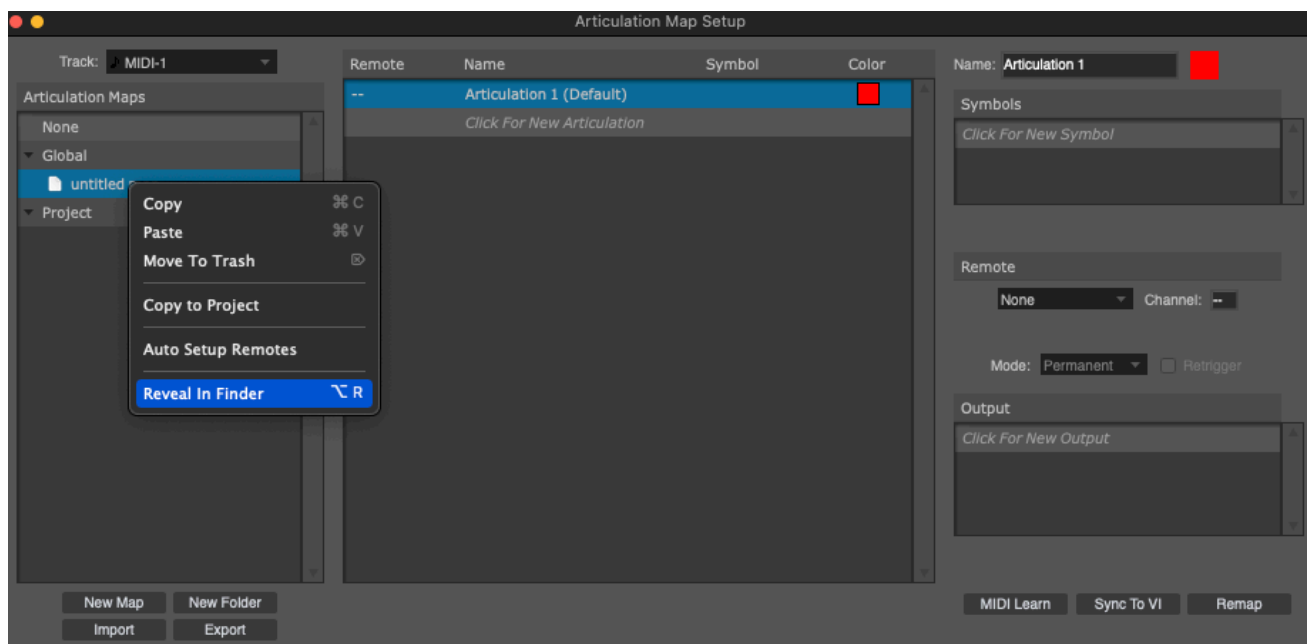
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Power users can also create a New Map by right-clicking the new entry in the “Global” folder and selecting “Reveal in Finder.” Then, they can copy the entire Art Conductor folder to this location.

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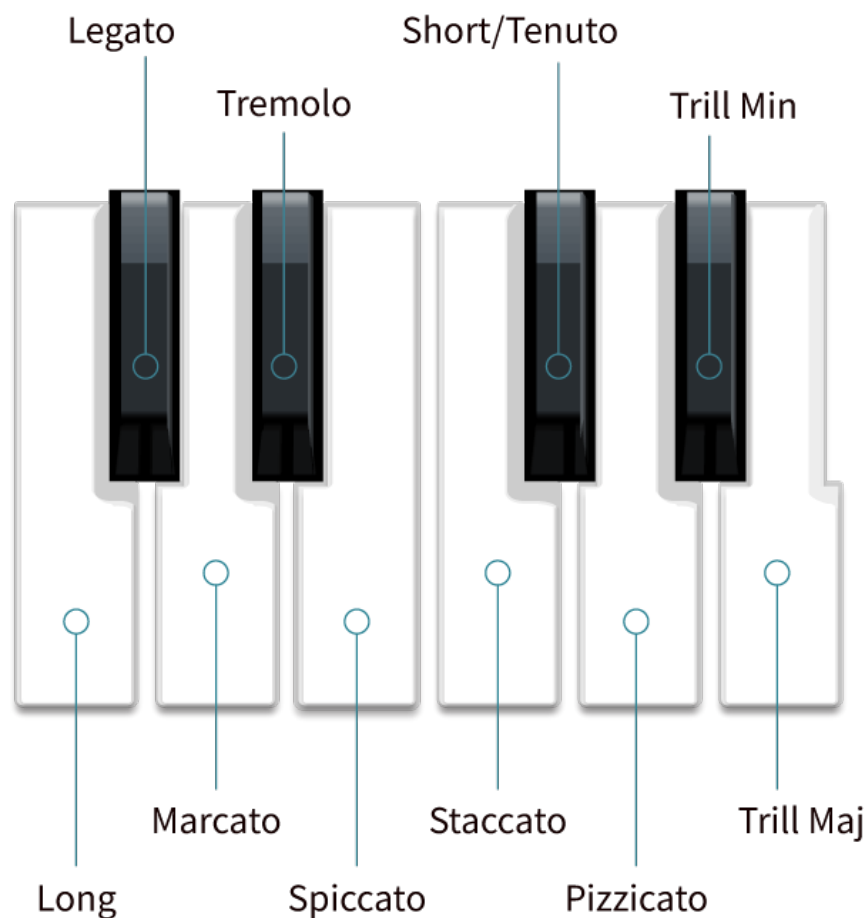
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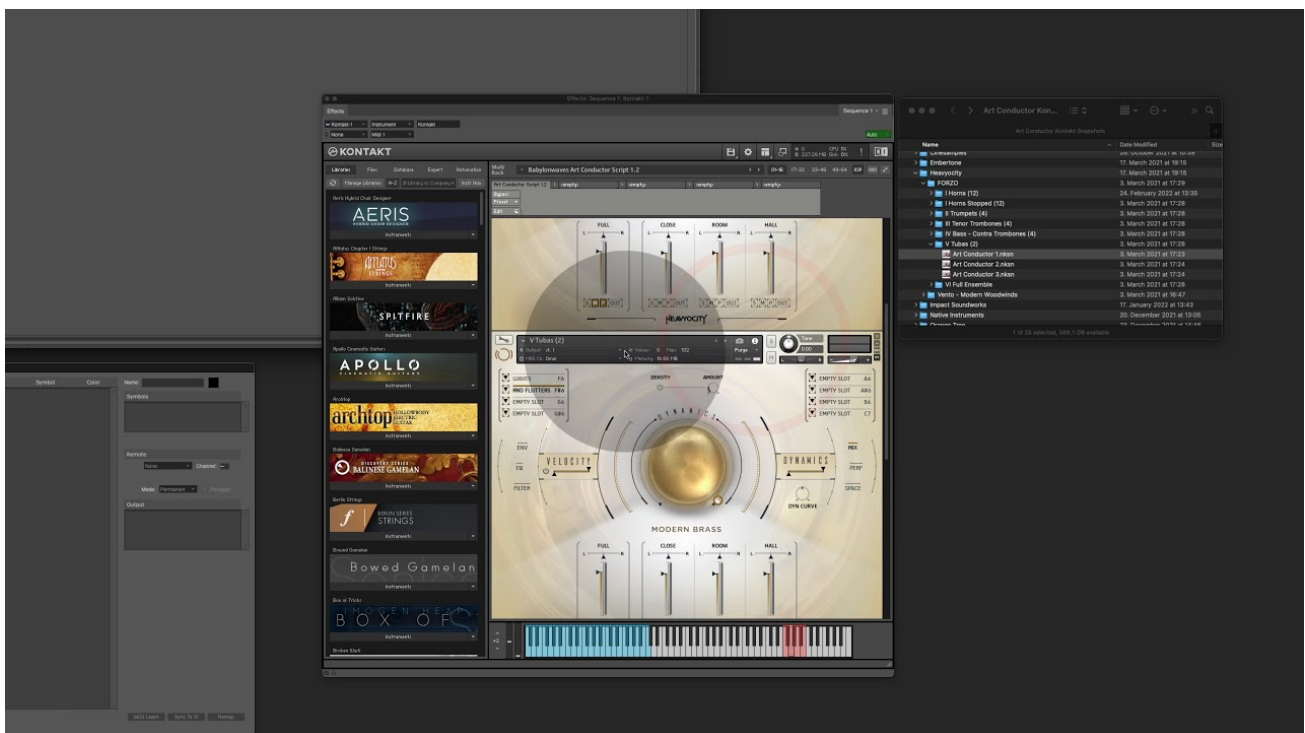
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