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KIT OF THE MONTH



From Screen To Studio

"I really enjoy building drumkits!" exclaims this month's Kit Of The Month owner, Matt Flacche of Marlton, New Jersey. "Modern Drummer featured my Decade Kit back in September 2003, and my Homage To Neil And Mike in July 2007."

Never one to settle, Flacche decided to build a third monster kit, this time relying on the power of his computer to create his ultimate setup. "In mid-2007, I decided to build a kit with very few constraints. So I created a super-kit with custom-configured drums, a totally custom rack, and a plethora of cymbals and percussion, using a plan I designed on my computer screen."

"I've been using the 'floor plan' concept for designing setups for years. However, I take it to the extreme by using actual photos of the drums, cymbals, and percussion pieces to create a collage on my computer. This life-like design system allows me to plan my dream setup as if I have the pieces in front of me."

Matt's computer-generated kit is now fully realized in the physical realm, and includes fifteen Tama drums in a custom red sparkle fade finish, Zildjian and Sabian cymbals, a custom rack made of Gibraltar and Tama hardware, LP Granite Blocks, Evans drumheads, and a slew of microphones plugged into a Behringer mixer with dual digital processors and an Alesis compressor.

You can hear this kit by logging on to the Multi-Media page at moderndrummer.com.



A computer-generated diagram of Matt's third monster kit.



Photo Submission: Digital photos on disk as well as print photos may be sent to: Kit Of The Month, Modern Drummer, 12 Old Bridge Road, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009-1288. Hi-res digital photos and descriptive text can also be emailed to miked@moderndrummer.com. Show "Kit Of The Month" in the subject line of the message. Photos cannot be returned.