

# Ultimate List of FREE Soundfonts in 2017!



SoundFonts are a file format that uses sample-based synthesis to play MIDI files.

Developed in the early 1990s by E-mu Systems and Creative Labs, its first use was on the Sound Blaster AWE32; an ISA sound card that supported some of the first MIDI configuration.

You will always see SoundFonts in PCM format, which is a specific file format that allows the SoundFonts to be read by sample-based MIDI synths.

In some ways, this file format is a lot like text typing fonts.

A text font will take the words and phrases inputted into a computer and give it a new look.

Similarly, they're used to select different types of audio modulated by midi notes. Think of the MIDI notes as the "letters" and the audio as the "new look".

This file format has a wide range of sonic possibilities. It can be as simple as a new wavetable instrument set or even as complex and in-depth as the vocals for a song.

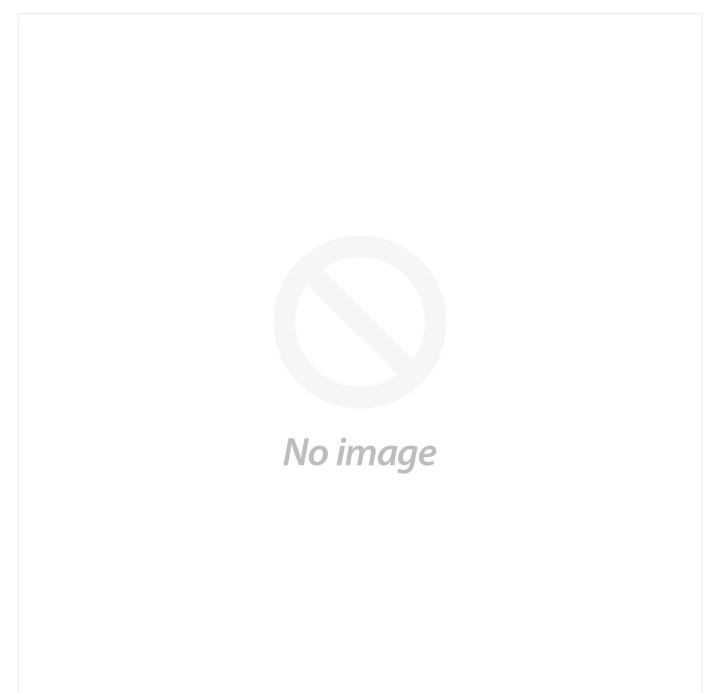
Some SoundFonts will have a cheesy old school sound that is pretty outdated for modern electronic music.



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However, there are a few gems in these packs that can really aid in production.

For instance, some include full drum kits that are preloaded with tons of drum and percussion samples or even full orchestral SoundFont kits that include high quality, studio recorded samples.

Luckily, there are tons of FREE files available on the internet.

Once you have downloaded your favorite ones, all you have to do is load the file into a SoundFont player. Then you'll be ready to start making a beat or song in minutes.

DAWs such as FruityLoops already have a player ready for you to use.

[Kontakt by Native Instruments](#) also supports SoundFonts and is a phenomenal plugin overall.

Additionally, [free SoundFont VST Synthesizers](#) are also available online!

Instead of having to search for all of them on your own time though, we've compiled a master list for you.

Grab your headphones or power on your monitors, because it's time to start downloading and creating with this ultimate list of the best free SoundFonts of 2017!

## Synths



### [20 FL STUDIO SYNTHS](#) BY FLSTUDIOMUSIC.COM

This pack contains 20 different synths for you to use in electro, trance, or any kind of dance music.

### [32 JR SYNTHS](#) BY FLSTUDIOMUSIC.COM

A raw synth collection by FL Studio Music.

Some are simple but can be easily manipulated with effects.

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## [11 SYNTH BASSES](#) BY BREITY'S FREE INSTRUMENTS

A small collection of oldschool synths and basses.

## [30 SYNTH SOUNDFONTS](#) BY RKHIVE.COM

Another raw synth collection for you to add to your toolkit.

Awesome for any sub-genre of electronic music.

## Hip Hop & Trap SoundFonts



## [126 FL STUDIO HIP HOP SOUNDFONTS](#) BY FLSTUDIOMUSIC.COM

Huge hip hop collection of sounds covering a large palette, from bass to drums, guitars, and many more!

## [VIRAL MASSACRE KIT](#) BY JOHNNY JULIANO

A free drum kit featuring 60 one shot samples and 3 custom instruments (SF2 format).

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12 cool samples that are great for hard hittin' hip hop beats.

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This download only includes one lead synth, but it also comes filled with drum hits, effects, and synth sounds in WAV format.

## Piano & Organ



### [25 FREE PIANO SOUNDFONTS](#) BY FLSTUDIOMUSIC.COM

A nice collection of free piano sounds in SF2 format.

### [19 PIANO SOUNDFONTS](#) BY MERLIN

Stated as one of the best providers for high quality SoundFonts, Merlin brings a solid collection of Piano samples

### [PIANO BECHSTEIN](#) BY MERLIN

Another great piano collection by Merlin.

### [PIANO-Y](#) BY MERLIN

A large piano sample that sounds like a Clavinova.

### [STEINWAY GRAND D](#) BY MERLIN

A sample of the Steinway Grand D, one of the best grand pianos out there.

### [16 PIANO SOUNDFONTS](#) BY RKHIVE.COM

16 piano sounds that range from a grand piano all the way to the iconic Rhodes.

#### [4 ORGAN SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY MERLIN**

Why stop at a simple piano sound when you can give your tracks a funky, jazz feel with these organ samples?

#### [13 ORGAN SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY RKHIVE.COM**

RKHive provides you with some high quality organ samples in this free download.

#### [STEINWAY B-211 PIANO](#) **BY KALEIDONKEP99.IT**

A high quality library of a genuine Steinway B-211 Piano from 1960.

#### [SOUNDFONTS4U](#) **BY JOHN NEBAUER**

Steinway Piano samples provided by University of Iowa.

#### [THE BLANCHET 1720](#) **BY SONIMUSICAE**

214 MB of an 18th century French instrument known as the Blanchet.

#### [THE SMALL ITALIAN](#) **BY SONIMUSICAE**

Sampled from a 17th century Italian instrument, this harpsichord kit is available in Kontakt and SF2 format.

#### [ORGUE DE SALON](#) **BY SONIMUSICAE**

Modest bank of a small house organ, 250 pipes, 5 real stops on two manuals (plus a coupled keyboard), built in 1988.

#### [MAESTRO CONCERT GRAND](#) **BY SONIMUSICAE**

792 Stereo Samples of an amazing concert grand piano.

## Guitars, Basses, and Stringed Instruments



## [5 GUITAR SOUNDFONTS](#) BY MERLIN

Easily one of the best Guitar collections from Merlin.

## [FREE GUITAR SOUNDFONTS](#) BY FLSTUDIOMUSIC.COM

Solid collection of Guitar samples.

## [GUITAR SOUNDFONTS](#) BY RKHIVE.COM

Another great collection of Guitar samples ranging from Funky to Steel-string.

## [FREE JAZZ AND CLASSICAL GUITARS](#) BY PETTINHOUSE GUITARS

An amazing collection of Jazz and Classical guitar with an electronic drum kit.

## [ELECTRIC GUITARS](#) BY FLAMESTUDIOS

Custom acoustic/electric guitar and basses that we recommend using for Funk, House or even Pop style tracks.

## [GUITAR AND BASS SOUNDFONTS](#) BY S. CHRISTIAN COLLINS

## [13 BASSES](#) BY RKHIVE.COM

13 basses that should get you covered in all of your low end rhythmic, melodic, and harmonic needs.

## [2 BASS SOUNDFONTS](#) BY MERLIN



2 simple Bass fonts, including a Fender Jazz Bass.

### [E-UKULELE](#) BY AUDIOWIESEL

Les Paul style Ukulele samples.

### [3 ETHNIC STRINGS](#) BY MERLIN

Comes with 2 Sitar and 1 Koto which are awesome for Trap, Future Bass or Dubstep.

## Drums & Percussions



### [56 FREE DRUMS & PERCUSSIONS](#) BY FLSTUDIOMUSIC.COM

Great Drum and Percussion SoundFont pack filled with samples that are optimal for Rock, Hip Hop and House music.

### [5 CHROMATIC PERCUSSION KITS](#) BY MERLIN

Includes Musicbox and Celeste Fonts.

### [3 PERCUSSION KITS](#) BY MERLIN

Rock and Techno Drum Kits.

### [3 PERCUSSIVE SOUNDFONTS](#) BY MERLIN

Timpani, Gong and Taiko Drums that are awesome for accents and as background percussion.

### [MYSTIFIED TIMPANIS](#) BY MERLIN

Made from the Mystified Timpani sample. This font includes sustains, rolls, and crescendo rolls.

### [31 PERCUSSION SOUNDFONTS](#) BY RKHIVE.COM

This percussion samples should be a great addition to your toolkit. It includes chimes, marimbas, and all the way to acoustic drums and everything in between.

### [TOYSTOYSTOYS FREE SOUNDFONT](#) BY PRECISIONSOUND

A high quality library of music box, cathedral chimes, and chime along toy instruments.

### [TWINKLESTAR MUSICBOX](#) BY PRECISIONSOUND

Another great quality SoundFont library featuring Christmas style samples.

### [TIBETAN MEDITATION BELLS](#) BY PRECISIONSOUND

Precisionsound brings us another great sample pack featuring Tibetan Meditation Bells.

### [PERCUSSION VIRTUAL SOUNDFONTS](#) BY S. CHRISTIAN COLLINS

This instrument is a complete overhaul of Subaqueous' original Live drum rack version.

### [87 CLAYTON 3 UDU SOUNDFONT COLLECTION](#)

Great for adding some percussive accents!

### [NIKLEUS COLLECTION](#)

Over 40 drums and percussion kits.

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# Orchestral SoundFonts



## [ORCHESTRAL SOUNDFONT BANK](#) **BY MERLIN**

Jam packed full of Classical and Orchestral samples.

## [6 STRING SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY MERLIN**

6 more string instruments created by our favorite SoundFont creator.

## [2 STRING ENSEMBLE SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY MERLIN**

Sweet, full, and expressive orchestral strings.

## [14 STRING SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY RKHIVE.COM**

This simple pack should get you started in any of your string needs.

## [3 CHOIR SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY MERLIN**

A boy choir and a full grand choir. Excellent for ambient and orchestral music.

## [34 VOICE SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY RKHIVE.COM**

You will most likely find a suitable choir sample for any of your needs in this stunning choir mega pack.

## [4 BRASS SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY MERLIN**

A simple but quality pack to get you started with these powerful wind instruments.

## [9 REED INSTRUMENT SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY MERLIN**

The most notable feature in this pack is a nimble clarinet with plenty of sustain.

### [4 PIPE & FLUTE SOUNDFONTS](#) BY MERLIN

This pack includes "Ocarina of Time" as heard in the Zelda video games.

### [SAINT JAMES ORCHESTRAL ENSEMBLE](#) BY FLSTUDIOMUSIC.COM

Over 40 orchestral samples, great for classical or even Hip Hop music.

### [29 FREE TROMBONE, SAX AND FLUTE SOUNDFONTS](#) BY FLSTUDIOMUSIC.COM

This pack comes loaded with trombone, sax, and flute sounds.

### [15 ORCHESTRA HITS](#) BY RKHIVE.COM

15 orchestral hits useful for multiple styles of music, even for simple audiovisual scores.

### [BRASS SOUNDFONTS](#) BY RKHIVE.COM

A sweet combination of multiple powerful wind instruments, including a flugelhorn.

### [7 WIND SOUNDFONTS](#) BY RKHIVE.COM

A very well rounded wind instruments pack. It surprisingly includes a pagan whistle.

### [SCC EXPRESSIVE STRINGS](#) BY S. CHRISTIAN COLLINS

SCC Expressive Strings is a virtual string ensemble programmed for maximum expressiveness. To get the most out of this library, it is recommended to have an expression pedal connected to an 88-key MIDI keyboard.

### [COMPIFONT](#) BY MARCIN DZIEMBOR

Custom made SoundFont 2 collection featuring an amazing collection of handpicked samples that are great for orchestral influenced sounds.

## ORCHESTRA SOUNDFONT 2 COLLECTION BY MUESCORE

A wide array of orchestral instruments from strings to oboes!

## HQ ORCHESTRAL COLLECTION BY MUESCORE

Massive orchestral soundfont collection including studio record samples for an authentic sound.

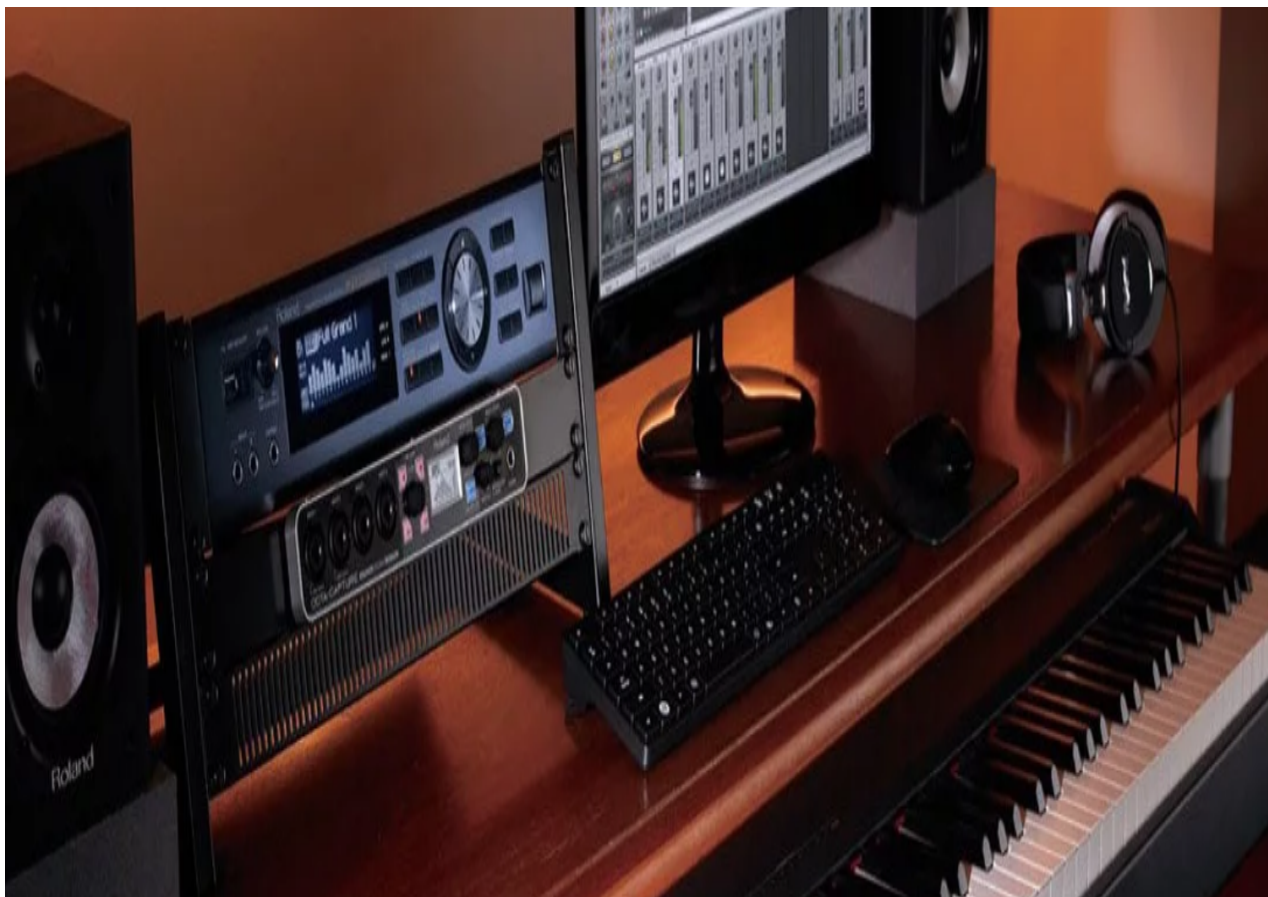
## ANTHONY'S PHILHARMONIC BY ANTHONY DEATON

6 free instruments in SF2 and SFZ formats.

## SONITA SYMPHONY BY MATTIAS WESTLUND

Nice little collection of old school symphonic sounds.

## Collections



## ULTIMATE SOUNDFONT PACK BY SOUNDPACKS.COM

Noted as “the holy grail of SoundFont packs, this collection boasts a massive collection of instruments and sounds.

## MERLIN GM SOUNDFONT BANK BY MERLIN

An old Merlin GM v32 soundfont bank.



## [MERLIN CREATIVE SOUNDFONT BANK](#) **BY MERLIN**

This pack includes the Piano Merlin, Strings CX, and Percussion EMU with low polyphony load and good quality.

## [MERLIN GOLD SOUNDFONT BANK](#) **BY MERLIN**

Piano WST, Strings SP3, Percussion EMU with a very natural sound in all areas while being well balanced.

## [MERLIN SILVER SOUNDFONT BANK](#) **BY MERLIN**

Another old Merlin Silver GM bank.

## [CREATIVE LABS 4M GM](#) **BY MERLIN**

4M GM bank designed for Creative Labs cards.

## [THOMAS' SOUNDS](#) **BY HAMMERSOUND.NET**

Includes a wide array of various instruments from drum kits to Star Trek effects.

## [MULTI-INSTRUMENT BANKS](#) **BY RKHIVE.COM**

Silly synths, heavy drums, and even a trumpet are included in this bank.

## [SOUNDFONT LOOPS](#) **BY RKHIVE.COM**

A big collection of drums, trumpets, and synthesizer sounds.

## [MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUMENT COLLECTION](#) **BY S. CHRISTIAN COLLINS**

This kit includes the sounds from "Boy Band" featured in an underground PC game "Undertale".

## [NTONYX FREE SOUNDFONTS](#)

Huge set of free sounds featuring instruments from styles ranging from Pop to Classical.

## [APLUSPRO SOUND KIT](#)

Great SoundKit collection full of samples ranging from 808 kicks to ethnic

influenced instruments.

## WARBEATS

Great list of over 50 kits that include Orchestral, Hip Hop and even Mario sound effects.

## HAMMER SOUNDS

This collection is packed with a great diversity of instruments, ranging from pianos to sitars.

## JOHANNES ROUSSEL KIT

32 free SoundFont kits that range from electric piano to FX noises.

## TIMBRES OF HEAVEN **BY DON ALLEN**

A very unique bank by Don Allen that features over 259 instruments and sound effects.

## GENUINE SOUND WARE FREE SOUNDFONTS

22 free ensembles ranging from real acoustic drums to Rhodes' keyboards.

## GEORGE44 LIBRARY

A small pack of sounds from George's personal collection.

## PERSONAL COPY SOUNDFONTS

A fairly vast and diverse collection of files.

## STEAM CALLIOPE **BY PIPELOOPS**

This pack uses samples from a real steam calliope, one sample per note. It also includes sample sets for the Hauptwerk virtual organ.

## GENERALUSER GS SOUNDFONT BANK **BY S. CHRISTIAN COLLINS**

GeneralUser GS is a GM and GS compatible SoundFont bank for composing, playing MIDI files, and retro gaming.

## Video Games



### [SNES, N64 & GBA SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY FLUIDVOLT'S**

Plenty of awesome and hilarious files from you favorite old school Nintendo games.

From Yoshi's Island to Mother 3 there's plenty of sounds in this pack to weave your favorite retro video games throughout your songs.

### [CHIPMUSIC, CHIPTUNE AND RETRO GAME SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY WOOLYSS**

Another great collection of nostalgic video game samples.

### [60 FIELD RECORDING SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY FLSTUDIOMUSIC.COM**

Great for ambient noise and tasteful sounds in any song!

### [35 NOISE AND FX SOUNDFONTS](#) **BY RKHIVE.COM**

Multiple sound effects that might even be useful for contemporary songs if processed properly.

## Scores





### CHRIS PIANO SCORE BY MERLIN

A bright and quite present piano, yet soothing just the same.

### SARRUSOPHONE BY MERLIN

A soundfont made from samples of this unusual instrument.

### MY VIOLIN - BEAUTIFUL SOUND INSTRUMENT! BY MERLIN

A go to violin that can do it all.

### MERLIN GRAND V5.37 BY MERLIN

High quality piano SoundFont score.

### MERLIN ORCHESTRA BY MERLIN

Amazing Orchestra Score by the ever popular Merlin.

### STEINWAY GRAND D BY MERLIN

Another high quality piano SoundFont Score.

### MERLIN SYMPHONY V1.21 BY MERLIN

A realistic string quartet and a timpani.

# BOSENDORFER CLAVINOVA PIANO BY MERLIN

A soundfont created by sampling a Bosendorfer Piano.

## Conclusion

SoundFonts are a great way to add diversity to your music production.

With free plugins such as EFM SF Synth 2 or Fruity Loops' very own in house SoundFont sampler, it's possible to reproduce many sounds ranging from an orchestra to your favorite old school video game.

If you're feeling in a creative rut, download a couple of these packs and see what kind of cool new ideas you can come up with!

Being able to be creative with any and all resources available to you is an essential part of music production.

Remember to take precautions whenever downloading content from the internet, and download at your own risk!

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