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SYNTHETIC APERTURE ANNOUNCES COLOROCITER COLORIST'S WORKSTATION

Colorociter™ CS-1 Provides Tactile Control Surface for Users of Color Finesse

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA -- April 19, 2006 -- Synthetic Aperture today announced the Colorociter CS-1 Colorist's Workstation, a hardware control surface providing a tactile interface to the company's Color Finesse® software, using the familiar trackball interface. The Colorociter will be demonstrated at NAB 2006 in Synthetic Aperture's booth, SL5138G.

"Our Color Finesse users have been asking us for a control surface to augment the traditional mouse and keyboard interface," states Robert Currier, President, Synthetic Aperture. "The Colorociter gives them that control, tailored to the specific requirements of Color Finesse, with complete configurability so the controls can be matched to their style of working."

Hardware Control Surface

The Colorociter CS-1 unit has four backlit trackball controls with surrounding free-spinning ring controls. Having four trackballs maps perfectly to Color Finesse's division of controls into master, shadow, midtone, and highlight groups.

There are also twelve high-resolution encoders for adjusting color correction parameters and two 24-character by 2-line user-configurable alphanumeric displays to provide labeling for the encoders. There are also seven page selection buttons to choose which user-definable control layout is in use, plus a parameter reset button, as well as fourteen user-configurable buttons.

User Configurable

The assignment of physical controls to software color correction controls is entirely user configurable. Up to seven configurations can be stored and recalled with the push of a button, giving colorists complete flexibility in creating the control layout that works best for them. Selectable color backlighting of the trackballs and labeling using the alphanumeric displays make it easy to determine the selected control layout at a glance.

Each control can be assigned to adjust a color parameter, save or recall stored settings, select the current preview, adjust split wipe position, or turn controls on and off.

Compatibility

The Colorociter CS-1 is compatible with both the Color Finesse 2.1 plug-ins and the Color Finesse 2.1 SD/HD+ standalone application. The Colorociter CS-1 connects to the host computer via USB.

Pricing and Availability

The Colorociter CS-1 is currently shipping for use with the Macintosh versions of the company's Color Finesse 2.1 plug-ins and standalone application. Windows-compatible shipments are to begin Summer 2006. List price for the Colorociter CS-1 is \$3950. Discounted bundles with Color Finesse are also available.

About Synthetic Aperture

Founded in 1995, Synthetic Aperture is a provider of practical tools for digital video and audio. Synthetic Aperture publishes the Color Finesse advanced color corrector, Echo Fire video previewing software for Adobe After Effects and Photoshop, the Test Gear test instrument plug-in for After Effects, and the popular free utility Test Pattern Maker.

Further information on Synthetic Aperture may be obtained by calling (949) 493-3444, accessing the company's Web site at <http://www.synthetic-ap.com>, or by emailing sales@synthetic-ap.com.

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