

## Reflections Vol 1 – Nord Lead A1

I bought the Nord Lead A1 shortly after it came out and was pretty blown away with the sound of it. Other things got in the way and so it didn't get much use, so I sold it. I recently sold a Yamaha Montage and a guy offered his A1 in Part-Ex, so I thought, "Why Not".

Of course, other Synths got in the way and it was left again, but after having made lots of Patches for the Roland System – 8, which had a huge FM update, I thought, let's break out the A1...and am I glad I did...Phew!

All of the patches have been made from scratch, from 'Init' patches. While the Mutator and Randomize functions can come with crazy and useful results, I like to know where I am with a sound, so it's all made from the front Panel.

The majority of the Patches have Mod Wheel/Morph assignments, to things like Cut-Off, Vibrato, Resonance and levels. Speaking of levels, you may find some patches are louder than others, this is just down to the complexity/brightness, but I did set them against a level meter in Logic X. That said, I've made the patches a bit hotter.

All the best,

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### Installation

There are 3 Files or Bundles in Nord Speak. 1 is a Performance Bundle of 50 Patches and the other 2 are Patches, consisting of 50 Each. The best thing is to use the Nord Sound Manager, so you can load each bundle to where you like.

It can be found below:

<http://www.nordkeyboards.com/downloads/software-tools/nord-sound-manager>

Location	Name	Category	Info
1	Expressions GEO	Pad	Expressive Pad with bright Arp over the top.
2	Carpenters GEO	Split	Mr Carpenter would be proud of this one. Big Bass on the left and Synth Arp on the right.
3	Arp Attack GEO	Arp	Stereo Arp, nice and wide.
4	HollowGround GEO	Piano	FM Piano that is very deep with Warm Pad underneath.
5	Heavenly GEO	Fantasy	3 layers of heavenly goodness. Choir, Pad and LFO Pad.
6	Abduction GEO	Pad	Stereo LFO's – Try the Mod Wheel.
7	Time2Dance GEO	Drum/Perc	Drums, Bass and Arp, really?
8	Eastern Dawn GEO	Lead	Layered Eastern Flutes. Expression with the Mod Wheel.
9	Juicy Lucy GEO	Lead	Damn, this is like a Razor to the Ears! Low Pass and High Pass combined.
10	Rising Sun GEO	Pad	Very expressive layered Pad with LFO being controlled by the MW.
11	Fantazia GEO	Fantasy	Vangelis would be proud of this one, reminds me of his Album "The City"
12	Solina Split GEO	Split	Funky and Deep Bass on the left and fizzy Stringer on the right.
13	Darkness GEO	Split	Drums, Bass and Deep, Dark Pad...Movie Soundtrack in one! MW for a bit of Acid.
14	Leading Arp GEO	Lead	A Lead with an Arp underneath, use MW to then play a Chord and hear the Arp more.
15	Big FM Bass GEO	Bass	It's huge, metallic and thonking! MW for more.
16	Gender Fluid GEO	Vocal	3 Layers of "AHH" MW to bring in the guys.
17	The 80s Man GEO	Split	Not quite a Juno 106, but not too shabby. Funky Bass in the left and negative envelope Poly on the right.
18	Evolution GEO	Split	Lots going on, fizzy and resonant Bass, Choir and Bells.
19	Vangelis GEO	Piano	Always loved the track "Hymne" by the Big V and always make the sound, here it is layered with a Pad.
20	Arptronix GEO	User	It's like a Science Project for the Ear ☺ Stereo Arp's.
21	The Strings GEO	String	If you don't use this in your tracks then I give up! 4 Layers of String Pad goodness.
22	WarmStringer GEO	String	Warm Strings that becomes a Pad with the MW.
23	Jazz Man GEO	Organ	Layered Organ, jazzy at first, then Heavy with the MW.
24	TearsInRain GEO	Pad	Play this and think, "I've seen things, you people wouldn't believe"...

25	Nord Leads GEO	Lead	Nasty "Little Red Devil", MW for AM goodness.
26	DX Dilemma GEO	Piano	Very bright Pad with DX Piano
27	4Oscillators GEO	Lead	4 Synth layers combined to make a Monster Lead.
28	Bladerunning GEO	Split	Sorry, I had to. Warm Pad on the left and CS80 on the right ☺
29	Be Damned GEO	Lead	Spiky, rough, dual High Pass Lead.
30	Rich Split GEO	Split	Bass, Arp, Pad and Poly...All in one...Phew!
31	Passed Out GEO	String	I could make these sounds all day, High Pass resonant Sweep with a Band Pass as well.
32	MoogerMan GEO	Bass	Monster Bass, lots of resonance with the MW
33	SlipStream GEO	Pad	Layered Pad with lots of wiry notes playing in the Stereo Filed...I love making these types of sounds.
34	4 On Filter GEO	Drum/Perc	Kick, Bass, Snare, and Hats...all Filtered with MW and then go crazy!
35	Triple Peaks GEO	Split	AM Bass and FM Piano...what a combination!
36	3 Osc Juice GEO	Lead	Large, juicy Moogy Lead.
37	Repulsed GEO	Piano	Cool Piano.
38	Fat Strings GEO	String	Big, thick and rough Stringer, that becomes very smooth with the MW.
39	Brassed Off GEO	Brass	Trumpet meets a Strumpet...MW for LFO distortions.
40	80s Dream GEO	Piano	It does sound like a big 80's layered Poly.
41	Arco String GEO	String	Not too shabby, cool for fast action.
42	Spacescape GEO	Fantasy	Shape Mod Pad with Bell tones.
43	D50 GEO	Fantasy	3 Layers of LA goodness.
44	Stab City GEO	Bass	It's horrible, really is ☺
45	Sweptaway GEO	Split	String Pad to the left and Easter Flute to the right.
46	BlackSky GEO	Fantasy	3 Layers of Space Pad heaven!
47	Big Stringer GEO	String	Ooh...I love String Synths and this is like rubbing Sand Paper all over your...Err, sorry, getting carried away ☺
48	MinorZ GEO	Lead	House is full of this type of thing, goes from a Stab to a Pad.
49	Paradise GEO	Fantasy	This is simply beautiful, use the MW for even more beauty.
50	Reflections GEO	Fantasy	How can a Synth be THIS good.

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1.1	Bladerunner GEO	String	It's the CS80...Enough said ☺ MW for vibrato.
2	RingPad GEO	Pad	Ring Mod acts as LFO for this String Pad.
3	DetunedPad GEO	Pad	Big and Warm, a little Trancey.
4	PulseLead GEO	Lead	Big and heavy Synth Lead.
5	Solina GEO	String	Stringers...Love them!
6	Hymne GEO	Piano	I always make this Sound. MW forward for Vangelis HYMNE
7	Dradus GEO	Pad	FM Pad with lots of movement.
8	Arp4Nano GEO	User	Another Patch I always make, so effective with 8D Delays.
9	Carpenter GEO	Lead	Big and in your Face. MW brings in the Juice ☺
10	FM Dreams GEO	Pad	Very wiry, yet warm thanks to the Ensemble on the MW
11	ShapeShifter GEO	Pad	Warm, sweeping Pad, with lots of movement of the waveshape and Filter.
12	String2Pad GEO	String	Nice 12db Strings which become a Pad with the MW.
13	RezoBass GEO	Bass	Big and juicy Bass, but resonance removed with MW.
14	BandSaw GEO	String	Band Pass with negative Filter Envelope.
15	FM Piano GEO	Piano	So huge and bassy, yet can still be played low down. Shamelessly Digital.
16	Rippler GEO	Pad	Classic GEOSynths Pad. Play octave higher, but with low root note.
17	Moog Lead GEO	Lead	Moog? Sounds like how a 303 would sound as a Lead.
18	Arp On GEO	User	Great stereo Arp for both Bass and higher up. MW control Filter Env.
19	Cylons GEO	Pad	Just watching BSG again for the 10 <sup>th</sup> time ☺
20	UFO LFO GEO	Pad	They're real Man...Fast LFO with MW fading between Osc subtly.
21	HighPass GEO	String	I love these types of sounds, you don't hear them often in Music, but I love them.
22	DeepPoly GEO	User 2	It's massive. Play an Octave higher and use the MW for Filter, but that Bass!
23	Algolead GEO	Lead	Dirty FM Lead
24	Sync Lead GEO	Lead	Your typical Sync Lead
25	Moog Bass GEO	Lead	Solid Moog Bass, resonance removed with MW.
26	Aftermath GEO	Pad	Subtle and smooth Pad. Negative Envelope for the release sound.
27	Desolation GEO	Pad	Ring Mod Pad...Not many of them about, but again, something I love to do. MW makes it a bit normal.
28	Arp Squares GEO	User	Doubled up Arp with short delays, very effective. MW for Filter.
29	FM 80s GEO	Piano	Big 80's FM Piano...Could see Simple Minds or AHA using it ☺
30	Dirty Analog GEO	Lead	She's a Filthy Bugger ;)
31	Shimmer Pad GEO	Pad	Nice, quivering Pad.
32	Pulsar GEO	String	High Pass rhythmic Pad.
33	HighTone GEO	Lead	High Pass Lead, sharp and to the point.

34	Mr Hammond GEO	Organ	Thick Organ (ooer) with "Leslie" showing up with the MW.
35	Fantasia GEO	Fantasy	Damn, this is so nice and so Vangelis (yes, he's me God) MW for a Saw Effect.
36	Arp Wood GEO	User	AM Arp. Sound very hollow.
37	FlangePad GEO	Pad	Cool Flanger...
38	Warming GEO	Pad	Bread and Butter Pad. MW for Strings.
39	A1 Trumpet GEO	Brass	My attempt at a Trumpet with a "Trill" on the MW.
40	Mooger GEO	Bass	Funky Moog Bass
41	Epic EP GEO	Piano	Cool, solid FM Piano.
42	BrassPad GEO	Bass	Brassy and fizzy.
43	PadSync GEO	Pad	Sync gives this Pad a great texture.
44	The Beast GEO	Lead	Another huge Monster.
45	Jarre Arp GEO	User	Unusual Arp, timed with the Filter Env release.
46	Not-In-Love GEO	Vocal	One of my favourite Songs...Could play this Patch forever.
47	Poly Stab GEO	User 2	Negative Envelope Poly Synth.
48	Unicycle GEO	Lead	Huge Unison Lead.
49	Halloween 3 GEO	User	Reminds me of the sound they had in Halloween 3 where if you wore a certain Mask, watched a commercial...it would melt your face...Ahh, they don't make movies like that anymore 😊
50	Nostramo GEO	Pad	It's nasty and Alien, but becomes tamed with the MW.
2.1	Duduk GEO	User 3	SO EXPRESSIVE. I made this and got side tracked for hours just playing it.
2	FilteredPoly GEO	User 2	Brassy and 80's. MW for closing the Filter.
3	Movie Pad GEO	Pad	Could be cool for a Movie I reckon. Builds nice and slow.
4	Poison Ivy GEO	User	Great example of Band Pass Filters. Short echoes with the MW.
5	Rich EP GEO	Piano	More FM Piano goodness.
6	Radio Tines GEO	User	AM Arp, dial it in with the MW.
7	Bassline GEO	User	It's a crap 303.
8	Liquid Pad GEO	Pad	Another great example of Band Pass, but on a String Pad.
9	OnThePulse GEO	Pad	Nice and clean HP Pad.
10	Poly 7 <sup>th</sup> GEO	User 2	Big Poly with a 7 <sup>th</sup> added. Gets bigger with MW.
11	Reverse Arp GEO	User	Unusual Arp that gets retriggered by Ramp Up LFO.
12	4 X 4 GEO	Drum/Perc	Kick, Hats and Bass.
13	Amped Bass GEO	Bass	Hug Bass, just fills up the low end. Gets bigger and brighter with MW.
14	Dream Keys GEO	Fantasy	These are just beautiful. MW brings in some lovely Chorus.
15	FM Squared GEO	Bass	Damn, this sound horrible, but I know some like this sort of thing 😊 "Bloody young un's"

16	Organ Slut GEO	Organ	A weird Organ, but I liked the weird roughness of it.
17	12db Strings GEO	String	Nice and clear 12db Strings, great over the top of a low Bass or Warm Pad.
18	Arponics GEO	User	Lots of tonal change with this Arp. MW makes it even more so.
19	StringMeUp GEO	String	Typical String Synth, bit brighter with the MW.
20	Creamier GEO	Pad	Very thick and warm...Like an old Ex of mine ☺
21	Bell Tower GEO	Fantasy	Great Bells and great for Chords.
22	Polymorph GEO	User 2	Short attack Poly Synth
23	Jazz Organ GEO	Organ	Cool Jazz Organ, Leslie pops up again with the MW.
24	Rich Pad GEO	Pad	You don't get much better than this for Warm Pads.
25	Hollowed GEO	Bass	AM Bass...Really?
26	BandAid GEO	String	Band Pass at its best, get this layered over a soft Pad...Heaven!
27	House Bass GEO	Bass	Nice and bouncy House Bass.
28	Smothered GEO	Fantasy	Bells Keys, really unusual.
29	Revved Up GEO	Lead	Huge Lead, use the MW to hear it Rev.
30	7 <sup>th</sup> Seal GEO	Lead	7 <sup>th</sup> Lead with a touch of Drive.
31	Rezzed Out GEO	User 2	Resonant and Vocal'ish. Lots of slow, evolving movement.
32	OnPulse GEO	User	Movie Bassline.
33	Glass Sync GEO	Lead	Broken up Sync Lead...I really like this one.
34	FM Sweep GEO	FX	Strange, great intro sound in the low end.
35	LeadingBass GEO	Bass	Can be used for Bass and Lead. MW for Chorus.
36	HP Sauce GEO	User	High Pass Arp going up and down the scales. MW for the Ensemble and a bit of Drive.
37	LFO WTF GEO	Pad	Fast LFO Pad, slow it with the MW.
38	SynthPop GEO	Drum/Perc	It has it all, Drums, Bass and a MW build.
39	Ensembled GEO	Pad	A kind of "Leslie" Pad.
40	Phazed Out GEO	Lead	A Phaser on a Lead sound, with a touch of Drive.
41	Growlead GEO	Lead	Heavy Bass, then...where's it gone. MW for width.
42	SpaceBells GEO	Fantasy	Cool Bells/Dulcimer.
43	WarmerStill GEO	Pad	Can't have enough Warm Pads.
44	Wetlands GEO	User	Jeez...it's a Monster. MW for it to get wet!
45	Whitney GEO	Piano	Damn, back to the 80's we go.
46	CleanStrings GEO	String	Bread and Butter strings. MW for Filter.
47	Shakuhachi GEO	User 3	Another expressive Flute, but much more heavier...I love these sounds.
48	Epsilon 5 GEO	Fantasy	LFO Pad
49	Epsilon 6 GEO	Fantasy	Another LFO Pad
50	DirtyDX GEO	Bass	Another one for the kids ☺

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