

CanvasMan™

SOUNDCanvas Editor/Librarian

For *Microsoft Windows 3.1*

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CanvasMan is a complete patch editor and librarian program for **Roland's GS** synthesizers (*SOUNDCanvas SC-55, SCC-1, SC-155, JV-30* and many others). *CanvasMan* provides true MIDI multitasking—you can run it by itself, while you jam with *Band-In-A-Box*, or while you sequence with *Cakewalk* and *WinJammer*. The wait is over for an easy-to-use ed/lib that takes full advantage of *Windows'* built-in multimedia capabilities.

CanvasMan can play your MIDI files as you edit—you'll hear your changes instantly in the context of your own musical projects! It saves its patch data in standard binary format (also called "*MIDIEX*" format) so you can store patches with your sequences or as stand-alone banks. You can even create your own single- and multi-part sounds for easy future recall! Finally, *CanvasMan* gives you complete control over all Global, Part, and Drum parameters. For a complete list of *CanvasMan's* main features, see page 3.

Quick Start information is on page 2. But please read this entire document after you've played with *CanvasMan*.

System Requirements

- ❶ *Microsoft Windows 3.1*, mouse, VGA monitor
- ❷ MIDI interface with a *Windows 3.1* driver
- ❸ **Roland GS** synthesizer

CanvasMan Quick Start

- ① **Setup *CanvasMan***—On the *Windows Program Manager* screen, select **F**ile and then **R**un... This will display the **R**un dialog box. Your cursor will be positioned at **C**ommand Line.

If you have a *CanvasMan* diskette in drive **A:**, type **A:SETUP <Enter>**

If you have a *CanvasMan* diskette in drive **B:**, type **B:SETUP <Enter>**

If you have downloaded *CanvasMan* onto your hard drive, type the path to **SETUP.EXE** (e.g., **C:\DOWNLOAD\TEMP\SETUP**) and press **<Enter>**

Follow the instructions on the screen.

- ② **Setup MIDI Ports**—Select **S**etup–**M**IDI Ports from *CanvasMan's* menu. Follow the on-screen instructions. I strongly encourage you to read the manual or online help here.

***CanvasMan* Features**

- Supports many *GS* synthesizers—*SCC-1*, *SC-55*, *SC-155*, *JV-30* and more!
- Saves patch data as the smallest possible *MIDIEX* file (registered version only)—store your patches within your sequences and/or by themselves
- Plays MIDI Format Files ("standard MIDI files") while you edit—you hear your changes immediately!
- Imports ***SongCanvas*** data files — *don't lose any work*
- Complete user manual
- Context-sensitive online help (future)

If You're Entitled to *CanvasMan* For Free...

If you registered the shareware ***SongCanvas*** within the 'free *Windows* version' time frame, please run **Setup-Register** and enter the **Name**, **Address** and **User Code** from your ***SongCanvas* Registration Letter**. This will register your copy of ***CanvasMan***.

As with the ***SongCanvas***, your licensing agreement prohibits you from giving your **Registration Information** to anyone. Thank you for cooperating.

Files Included

Program

CANVAS.EXE	<i>CanvasMan</i> program
CANVAS.HLP	<i>CanvasMan</i> online help
JJCMIDI.DLL	Supplemental code common to all JJC MIDI programs
MIDILIB.DLL	MIDI I/O driver—Copyright © 1991-1993 Dan McKee

(Note to power users: *CanvasMan's* **SETUP** program puts *.DLL into *Windows'* **SYSTEM** directory. It will not overwrite an existing DLL unless *CanvasMan's* is more current. If you run into strange problems, check *Windows'* root directory—another program's **SETUP** routine may have erroneously put DLLs there that are now out-of-date.)

Documentation / Supplemental

CANVAS.WRI	This file. <i>Windows 3.1 Write</i> format.
CANVAS.3D	Full <i>CanvasMan User Manual</i> . <i>PCL5</i> format. CANVAS.3D is formatted as a ready-to-print file for the <i>HP LaserJet Series IIID</i> printer (and any compatible using <i>HP's Printer Control Language v5 (PCL5)</i>). The <i>LaserJet III</i> (non-duplexing version of the <i>LaserJet IIID</i>) and <i>LaserJet IV</i> should also work, but you will probably want to reprint the manual on the reverse side of the first copy to create an "official" duplexed manual. Your printer will need 2MB or more of RAM.
SCW.MAN	<i>CanvasMan User Manual</i> . <i>WinWord 2.0c</i> format. SCW.MAN is the <i>Word for Windows</i> manual. It is complete except for the sunglassed Beethoven cover page.

Notes: ❶ Both the *PCL5* and the *WinWord* manuals create manuals in the 'official' 7"x8.5" format. Assuming you print these on standard 8.5"x11" paper, you can chop off the right 4" of the resulting landscape printout. ❷ To minimize download time for those without *PCL5* printers and/or *WinWord 2.0c*, I've uploaded the manuals as separate archive files. Look on *CompuServe's MIDIFORUM* in library 11 for the files **CM3D.ZIP** and **CMDOC.ZIP** (*HP IIID* and *WinWord* versions, respectively). ❸ If this seems like a hassle, you can simply buy a manual from me. See the **Order Form** in the online help for complete information.

Shareware / Ordering Information

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Registered users can access the enhanced features of the program and download free updates to future shareware versions of *CanvasMan*.

Please send orders and/or suggestions to:

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The online help contains a ready-to-print order form. When running *CanvasMan*, press **F1** to see the help table of contents and select the **Order Form** option. This option also explains how *CompuServe* users can register online.

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SongCanvas File Compatibility

CanvasMan v1.6 changed the *SongCanvas's* .SCD and .MPS file layouts to provide better data validation, support drum kit editing and allow for future expansion. Though *CanvasMan* can read old *SongCanvas* data, it saves data in this new format. The *SongCanvas* cannot handle this new format; nor can *CanvasMan* versions prior to v1.6.

Note also that *CanvasMan* v1.5 renamed the *.SCD and *.MPS files to *.GSC and *.GSS, respectively.

Wrap Up

I truly hope you enjoy *CanvasMan*. Please help me distribute this program as widely as possible by making sure all your favorite bulletin boards have a current copy. Look for future enhancements coming soon to a BBS near you.

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