Mixing Secrets of the Pros

The 5 Primary Mixing Tools
+ BONUS CONTENT

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- Creator & host of Empowering Women In Audio clinics
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- Coach & mentor
  - www.AzaleaMusic.com/fetts-production-booster-program
- Author
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- Teacher: online video courses in recording, mixing, mastering, etc.
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Thoughts about mixing…

- How do YOU feel about mixing?

- We all come to mixing through different paths (in reverse order)…
  - Apprenticeship
  - Formal schooling
  - Online “research”
  - Friends and colleagues
  - Seat-of-the-pants / trial-and-error!

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Thoughts about mixing…

- Mixing does NOT have to
  - Be difficult
  - Be confusing
  - Be a massive time suck
  - Take forever to learn
  - Cost a ton of money (e.g., for 3rd-party plug-ins)
- Mixing is NOT just "part of recording"
  - It is a *discrete step in the process of Music Production*
  - It has a very specific *purpose* and *end goal*
  - Not about the gear!

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Thoughts about mixing…

- To be done well (and still be *fun*), mixing needs
  - A *purpose*
  - An *approach*
  - A *process* (Fett's "*7 Stages of Mixing*")

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The ultimate goal of mixing…

- To *connect emotionally* with the *end listener*.
- By "taking them on a *journey*"
  - A mix has a "story flow" – a *progression* – just like the lyrics of a song
- PRO SECRET ALERT!!!
  It all starts with *effective use of the 5 Primary Mixing Tools*
  - From *Fett's Mixing Roadmap* book, "Core Mix" chapter
  - And *Fett's Mixing Mastery* online video course

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The 5 Primary Mixing Tools

1. Volume *levels*
2. Stereo *panning*
3. *Tone* shaping (aka “EQ”)
4. *Dynamics* control (aka compression & limiting)
5. *Time-based effects* (e.g., reverb and delay)

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Primary Mixing Tool #1: **Volume Levels**

- Relative starting levels between parts
- Changes in level throughout the course of the mix
  - Between parts
  - Within a given part
  - Between different sections of the song
- MUTING (i.e., sometimes the best level is no level at all)
- Accomplished today through VOLUME AUTOMATION

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Pro secret #1: **Fader Riding**

- One of THE biggest differences between pro & not-so-pro mixes
  - Too much compression
  - Not enough volume automation
  - ESPECIALLY WITH VOCALS!!!
- Can be used for ANY parts
  - That's how we create the EMOTIONAL EBB AND FLOW in a mix

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Events + Curs.
Max. Record Time 73 hours 32 mins
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147 / 147
LeadVoc
LeadVoc1-ECM87
LeadVoc1-RedB
Grp-LeadVoc
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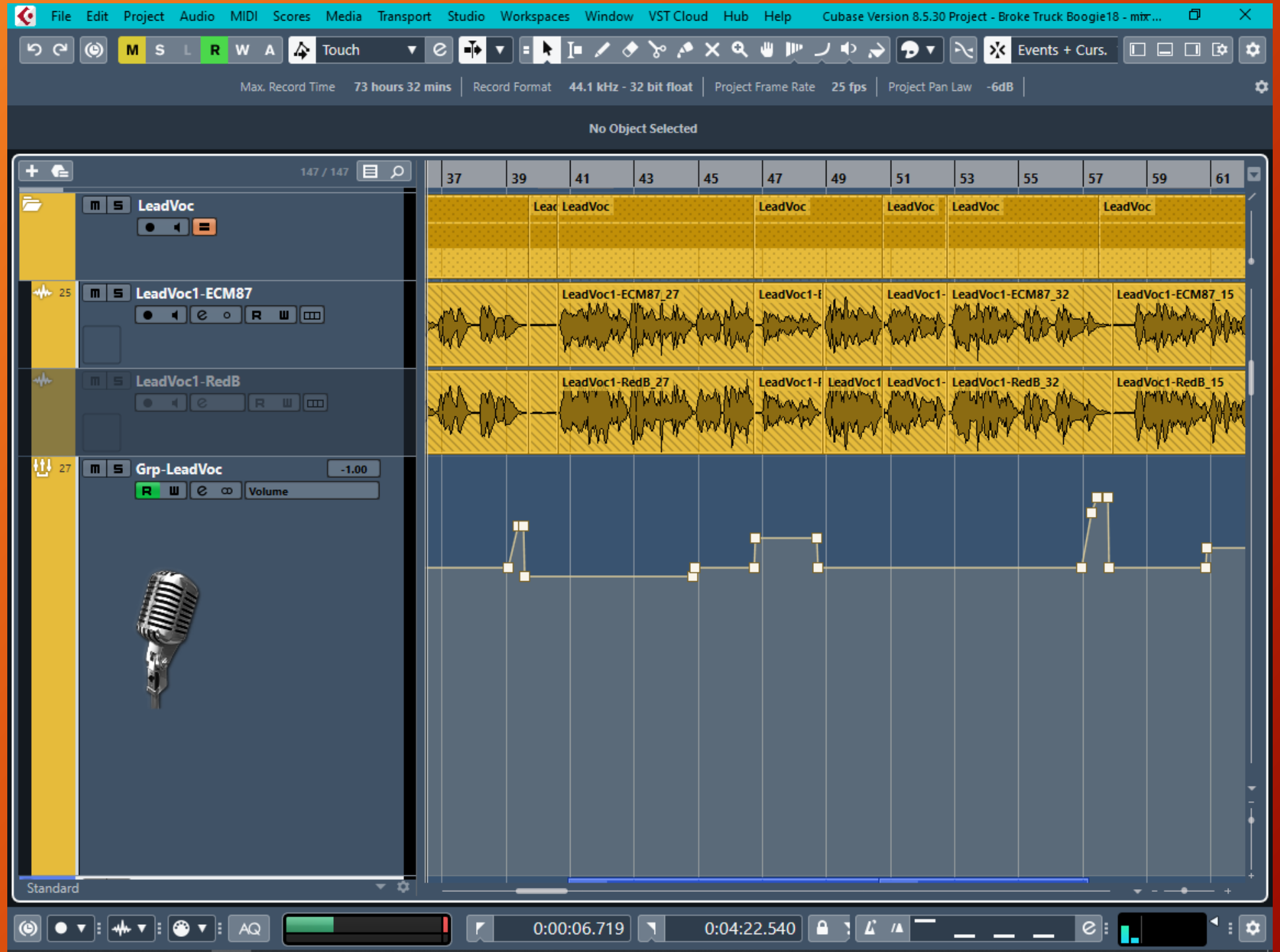
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Sends
Cue Sends
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Compressor
DeEsser
Grp-LeadVoc
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HC 24
LC 24
Gain
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2 LMF
3 HMF
4 HI
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Grp-LeadVoc
Inserts
Routing
Destinations
Panning

Grp-LeadVoc: Ins. 1 - MultibandCompressor
Rock Master 2
LIVE
2.2 dB
OUTPUT
-4.7 dB
1 COMPRESSOR
20 Hz - 150.0 Hz 0.00 dB
-26.4 dB 2.0
THRESH RATIO
28.0 ms 634 ms
ATTACK RELEASE
2 COMPRESSOR
150.0 Hz - 1.99 kHz 0.00 dB
-16.0 dB 3.0
THRESH RATIO
16.5 ms 500 ms
ATTACK RELEASE
3 COMPRESSOR
1.99 kHz - 7.87 kHz 0.00 dB
-15.3 dB 4.8
THRESH RATIO
28.0 ms 554 ms
ATTACK RELEASE
4 COMPRESSOR
7.87 kHz - 20 kHz 0.00 dB
-15.0 dB 2.0
THRESH RATIO
1.0 ms 500 ms
ATTACK RELEASE
SC
steinberg
multibandcompressor

Grp-LeadVoc: Ins. 3 - DeEsser
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DYNAMICS
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Primary Mixing Tool #2: **Stereo Panning**

- Also called “placement”
- Good placement of relative *positions* of parts and sections
  - E.g., spacing of players on a “Virtual Stage”
- Similar to fader riding, judicious stereo *movement* enhances emotional ebb and flow
  - But don’t overdo it!

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Pro secret #2: **Wider Panning**

- Panning seriously affects perceived volume and our brains' ability to "localize" a sound
  - The further away from center, the more we can localize
- Often more effective than volume changes!
- Good guideline: Fett's 3 zones:
  - Center to 32
  - 32 to 62
  - 62 to 100 (HARD L or R)
- Relative volumes typically need to be adjusted after panning because of *perceived* level (and DAW's "pan law")

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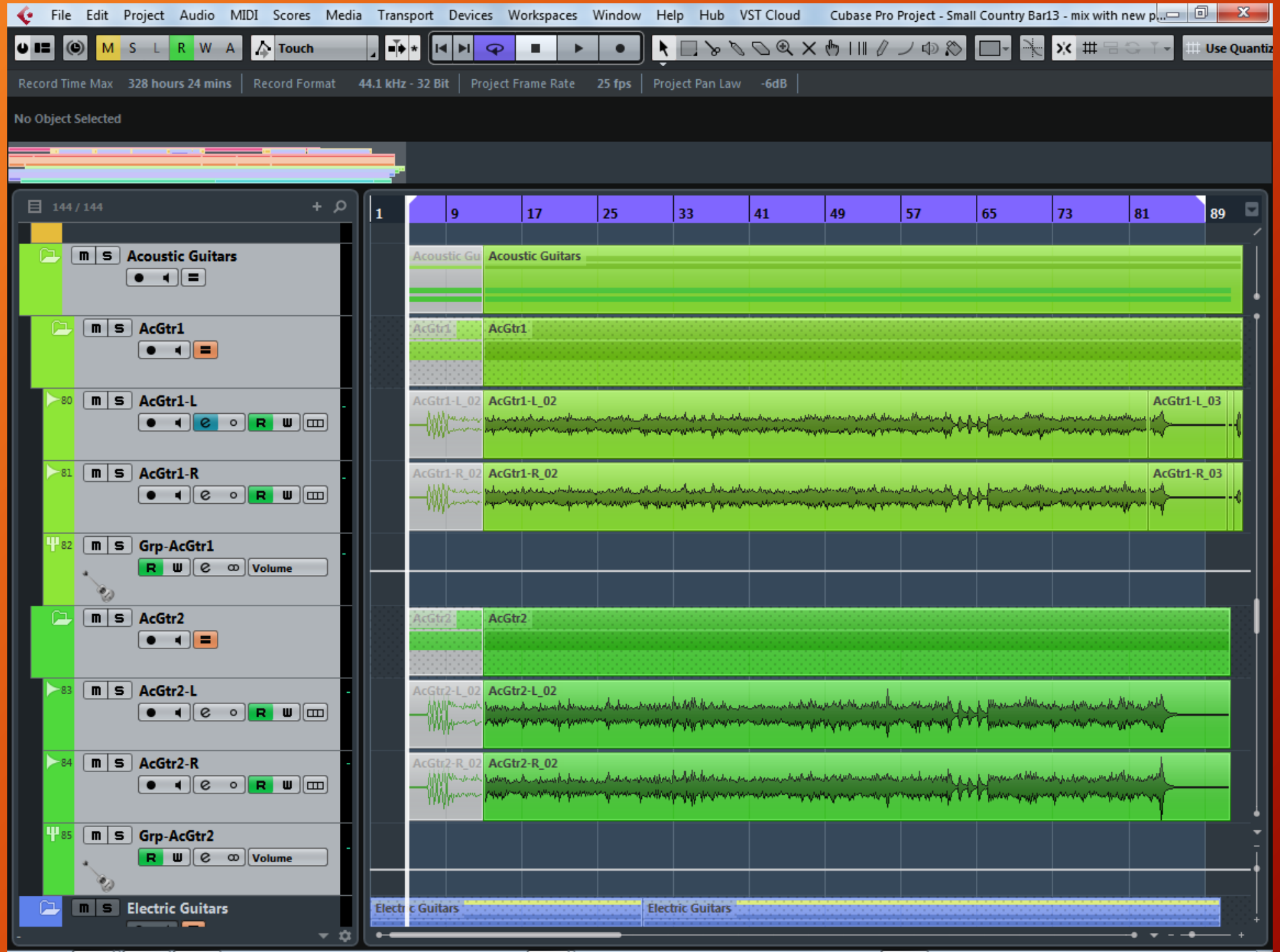
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AcGtr1-R
Grp-AcGtr1
Volume
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AcGtr2-L
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Grp-AcGtr2
Volume
Electric Guitars
1
9
17
25
33
41
49
57
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89
AcGtr1-L_02
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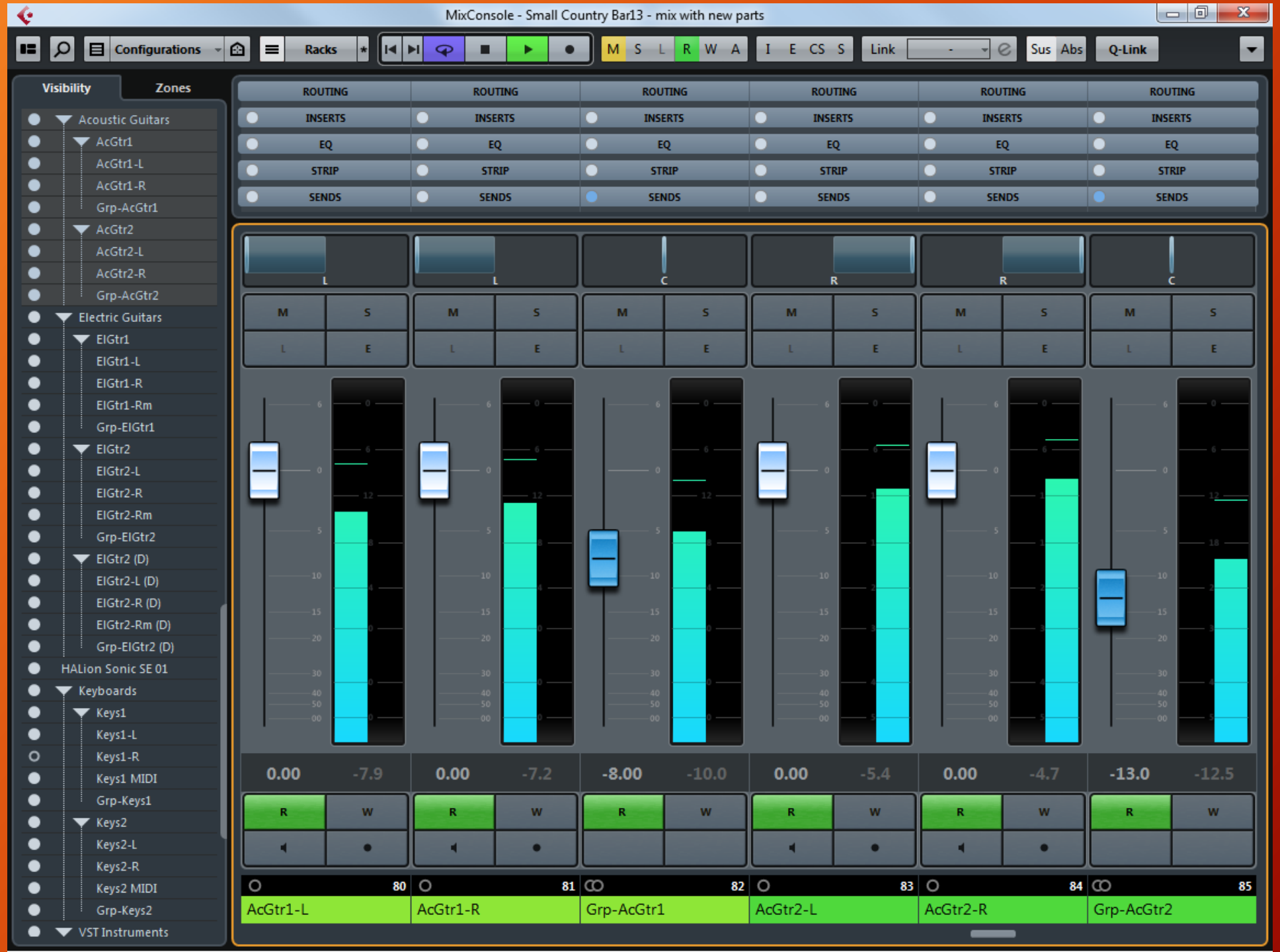
AcGtr2-R_02
Electric Guitars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AcGtr1-L
AcGtr1-R
Grp-AcGtr1
AcGtr2
AcGtr2-L
AcGtr2-R
Grp-AcGtr2
Electric Guitars
ElGtr1
ElGtr1-L
ElGtr1-R
ElGtr1-Rm
Grp-ElGtr1
ElGtr2
ElGtr2-L
ElGtr2-R
ElGtr2-Rm
Grp-ElGtr2
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ElGtr2-L (D)
ElGtr2-R (D)
ElGtr2-Rm (D)
Grp-ElGtr2 (D)
HALion Sonic SE 01
Keyboards
Keys1
Keys1-L
Keys1-R
Keys1 MIDI
Grp-Keys1
Keys2
Keys2-L
Keys2-R
Keys2 MIDI
Grp-Keys2
VST Instruments
ROUTING
INSERTS
EQ
STRIP
SENDS
M S L E R W
0.00 -7.9
0.00 -7.2
-8.00 -10.0
0.00 -5.4
0.00 -4.7
-13.0 -12.5
80 AcGtr1-L
81 AcGtr1-R
82 Grp-AcGtr1
83 AcGtr2-L
84 AcGtr2-R
85 Grp-AcGtr2

Primary Mixing Tool #3: **Tone Shaping**

- Also known as “EQ”
- Sometimes it’s the ONLY “processing” you need on a part
- Just as with panning, want to give each part and sections its own “EQ Zone”

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Pro secret #3: **EQ Flipping**

- Example: making two EXACT SAME guitar parts sound different and “anchor” a mix
  - Boost and cut 2 frequencies on Guitar 1
  - Cut and boost same 2 frequencies on Guitar 2
  - Voila! Each guitar part “stands out” and “owns” its own EQ Zone
    - Each might sound like crap in solo, but it’s their *place in the mix* that matters
- Technique can be used with anything, including dissimilar instruments (e.g., guitar & keyboards)

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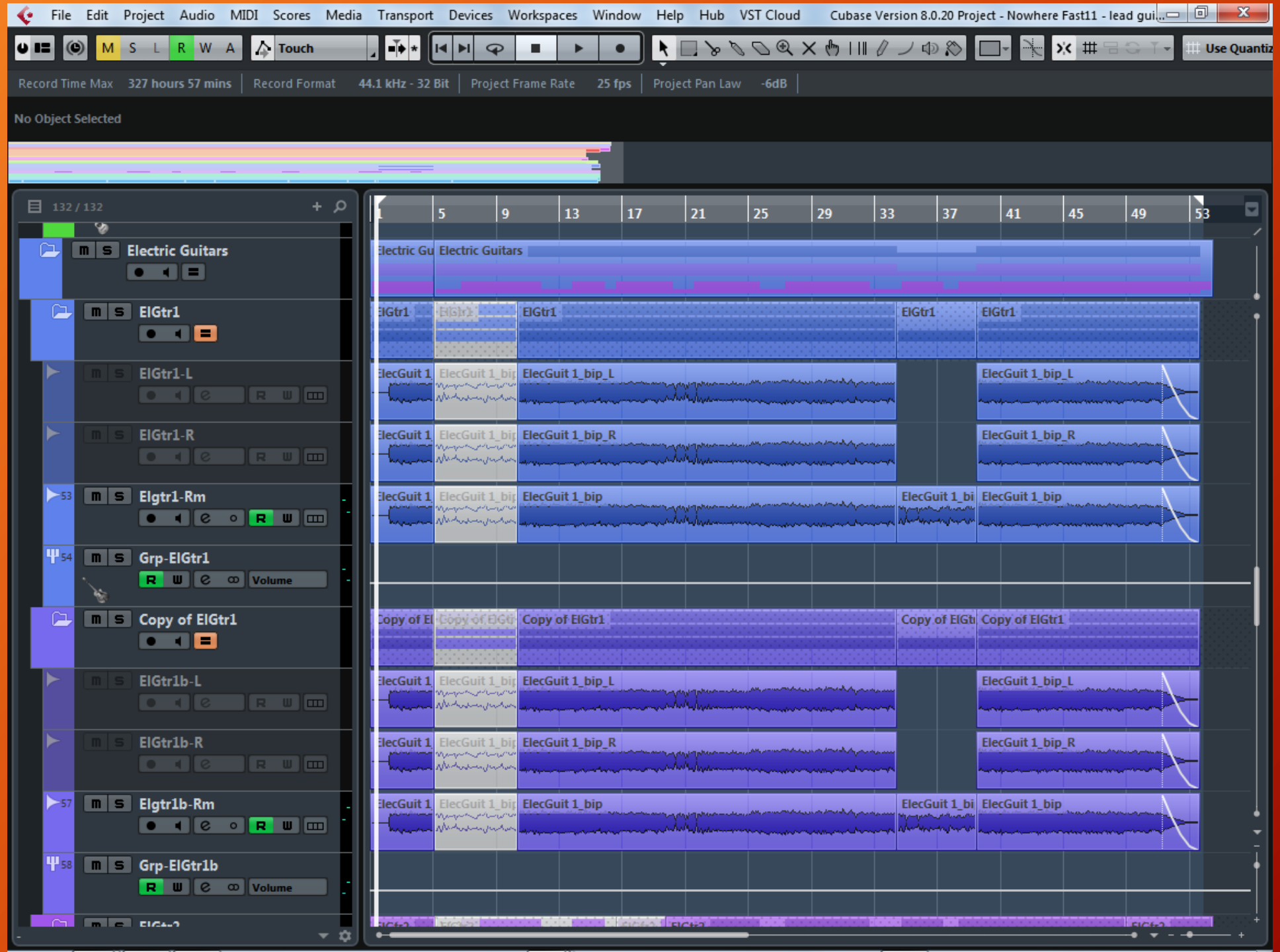
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Electric Guitars
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ElGtr1-L
ElGtr1-R
Elgtr1-Rm
Grp-ElGtr1
Volume
Copy of ElGtr1
ElGtr1b-L
ElGtr1b-R
Elgtr1b-Rm
Grp-ElGtr1b
Volume
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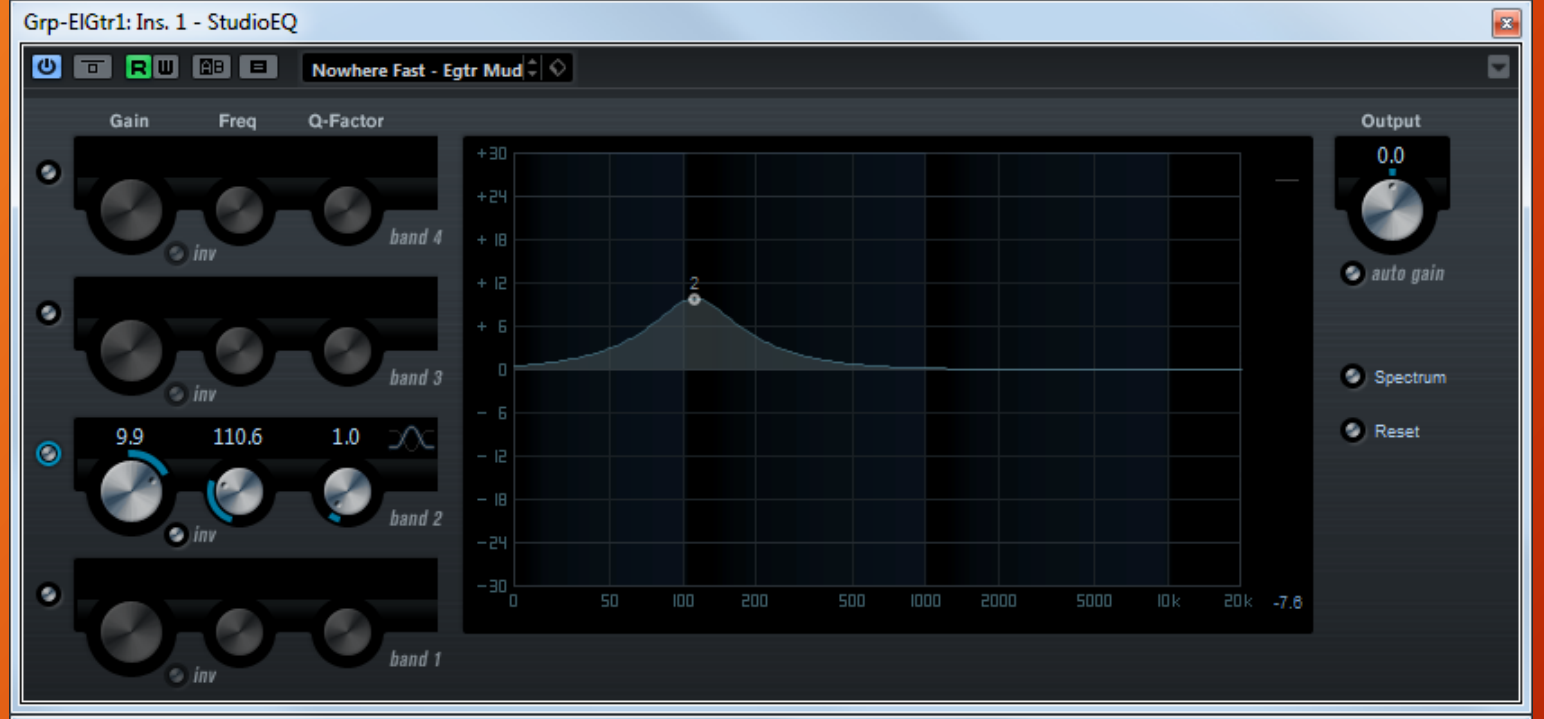
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Nowhere Fast - Egtr Mud
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Freq
Q-Factor
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band 3
9.9
110.6
1.0
band 2
band 1
inv
Spectrum
Reset
+30
+24
+18
+12
+6
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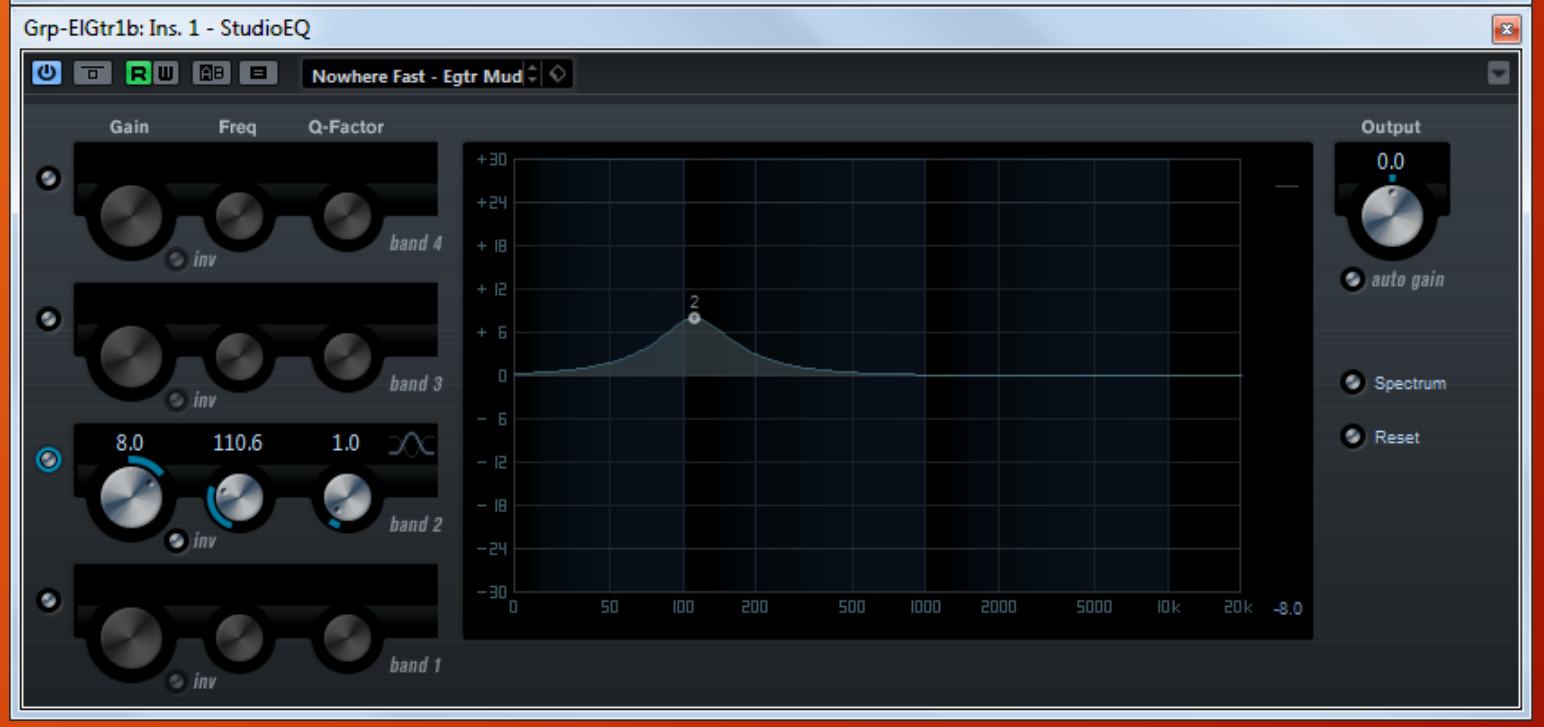
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Channel Settings : Grp-ElGtr1 [stereo]
Elgtr1-Rm
54
Grp-ElGtr1
7 Targets
No Track Preset
Inserts
Strip
Channel Strip
Equalizer
Sends
Cue Sends
StudioEQ
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FX 2-Snare 0.00
FX 3-TC MegaR...rb 0.00
FX 4-UAD RealV...ro 0.00
FX 5-UAD RealV...ro 0.00
FX 6-MonoDelay 0.00
PRE
1 LO
2 LMF
3 HMF
4 HI
HC 24
LC 24
Gain
Phase 0°
0.0dB
10.0dB
-6.0dB
0.0dB
100.0Hz
1126Hz
3504Hz
12000Hz
1.0
1.0
1.0
1.0
Inserts
Routing
Destinations
Panning
-12.0
-14.6
54
Grp-ElGtr1
Channel Settings : Grp-ElGtr1b [stereo]
Elgtr1b-Rm
58
Grp-ElGtr1b
7 Targets
No Track Preset
Inserts
Strip
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Equalizer
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Grp-ElGtr1b

Primary Mixing Tool #4: **Dynamics Control**

- Generally compression & limiting
- THE BIGGEST problem I hear with “not-so-pro” mixes is TOO MUCH COMPRESSION done ALL AT ONCE
- Squashes the mix and sucks the life (i.e., emotional content) right out of it
- Law of diminishing returns

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Pro secret #4: **Compress** in **Multiple Steps.**

- A stepped or stacked approach, (Rather than all at once)
- Example:
  - Instead of compressing a part (vocal, guitar, snare) at 10:1 and/or extremely low threshold, compress **multiple times** at 3:1 and/or a higher threshold

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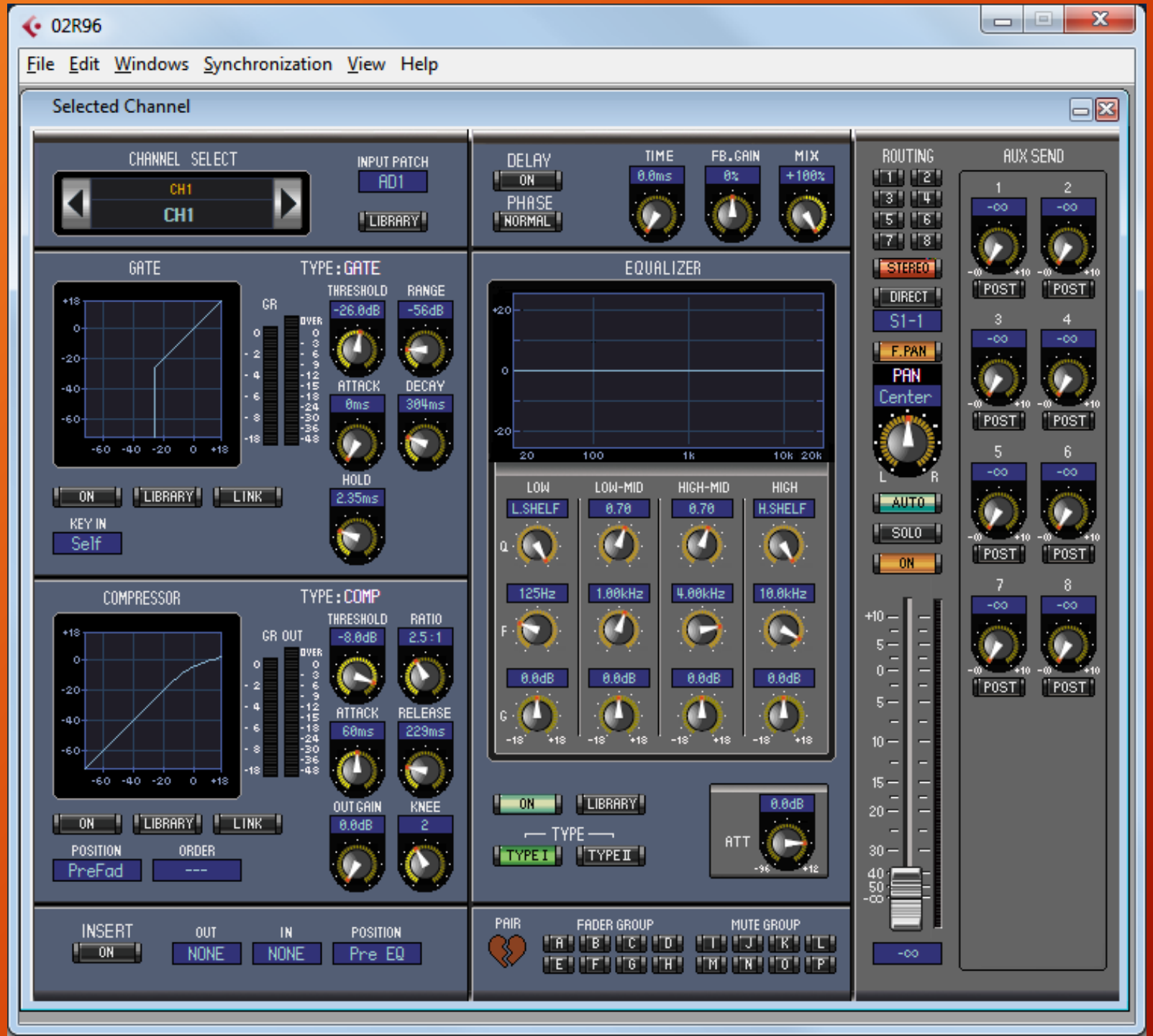
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RANGE
-56dB
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ATTACK
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DECAY
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HOLD
2.35ms
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EQUALIZER
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HIGH-MID
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10.0kHz
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THRESHOLD
-8.0dB
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MUTE GROUP
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S1-1
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PAN
Center
AUTO
SOLO
POST

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3 Sources
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Left - Monitor Out2 0.00
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Grp-LeadVoc
Inserts
Routing
Destinations
Panning

Grp-LeadVoc: Ins. 1 - MultibandCompressor
Rock Master 2
15
10
5
0
- 5
-10
-15
LIVE
0
50
100
200
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1k
2k
5k
10k
20k
2.2 dB
OUTPUT
-6.0
1 COMPRESSOR
2 COMPRESSOR
3 COMPRESSOR
4 COMPRESSOR
20 Hz - 150.0 Hz
-0.85 dB
150.0 Hz - 1.99 kHz
0.00 dB
1.99 kHz - 7.87 kHz
-0.97 dB
7.87 kHz - 20 kHz
0.00 dB
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COMPRESSION
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-18.9 dB
3.0
-28.2 dB
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-15.0 dB
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28.0 ms
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500 ms
ATTACK
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steinberg
multibandcompressor

Grp-LeadVoc: Ins. 3 - DeEsser
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20k
FILTER
DYNAMICS
SIDECHAIN
3.18 kHz
9.23 kHz
2.0
AUTO
220 ms
150.0 Hz
1.0
LO
HI
REDUCT
THRESH
RELEASE
FREQ
Q-FACTOR
SOLO
DIFF
AUTO
SIDE CHAIN
MON
LIVE
steinberg
de-esser

Stereo Out: Ins. 7 - iZotope Ozone 7
Detection Filter
Stereo
M • S
Threshold
-23.3 dB
-2.7
Ratio
1.5:1
Attack
40.0 ms
Release
150.0 ms
Mode
Sharp
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Smooth
Auto
Gain
0.0 dB
-0.1 -0.3
-12.4 -12.5
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RMS
-0.1 -0.1
-6.0 -6.1
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Auditioning
Bypass
Mono
Swap
Codec
Dither
Equalizer
Vintage EQ
Vintage Comp
Imager
Vintage Limiter
Click to insert module
OZONE 7
ADVANCED
Click an arrow to load a preset
iZotope

Stereo Out: Ins. 7 - iZotope Ozone 7
Mode
Analog
Tube
Modern
Ceiling
-0.1 dB
Threshold
-8.2 dB
-0.2
True Peak Limiting
Slow
Fast
Character
1.50
Peak
RMS
-0.1 -0.3
-14.7 -15.4
-0.1 -0.1
-8.0 -8.5
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Imager
Vintage Limiter
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OZONE 7
ADVANCED
Click an arrow to load a preset
iZotope

Primary Mixing Tool #5: **Time-based Effects**

- Generally reverb & delay, chorus/flange
- THE BIGGEST problem I hear is TOO MUCH REVERB
  - Often the result of not taking “downline compression” in the production process (e.g., master bus processing, mastering) into account

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Pro secret #5: **Position Reverb to same Location as Source**

- Helps to avoid “wash” of reverb in mix/master, improves listener “localization” of parts
- How to do it (e.g., for 2 guitars)
  - Instead of using a single, common Send reverb, create multiple Send reverbs of the same type
  - Assign each part to 1 of the reverbs
  - Pan each reverb to same stereo position as the part that is feeding it
- Uses more computer resources (memory & processor), but…
  - Well worth it for CLARITY it brings to the mix
  - More room for EMOTION to come through! ☺

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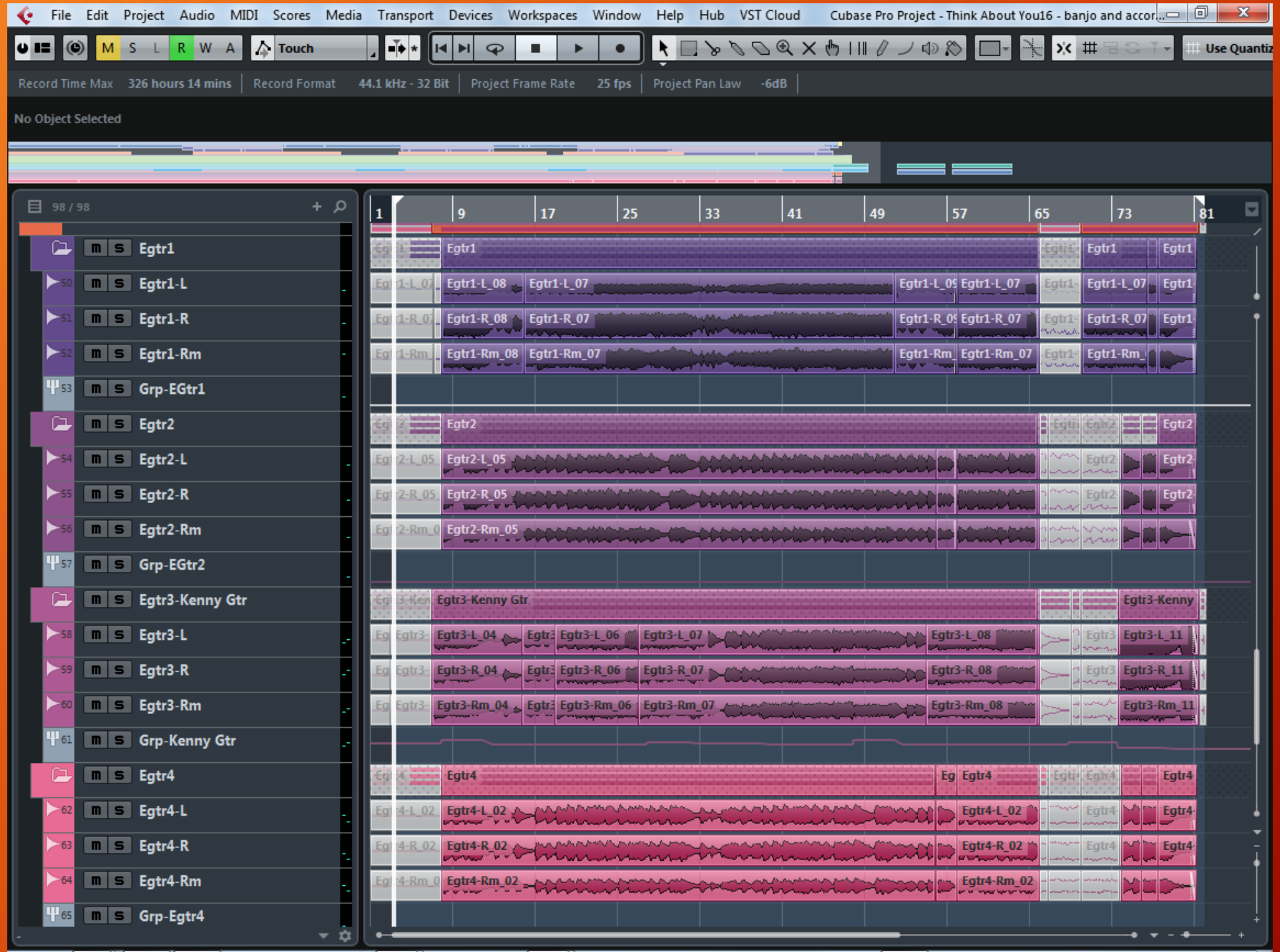
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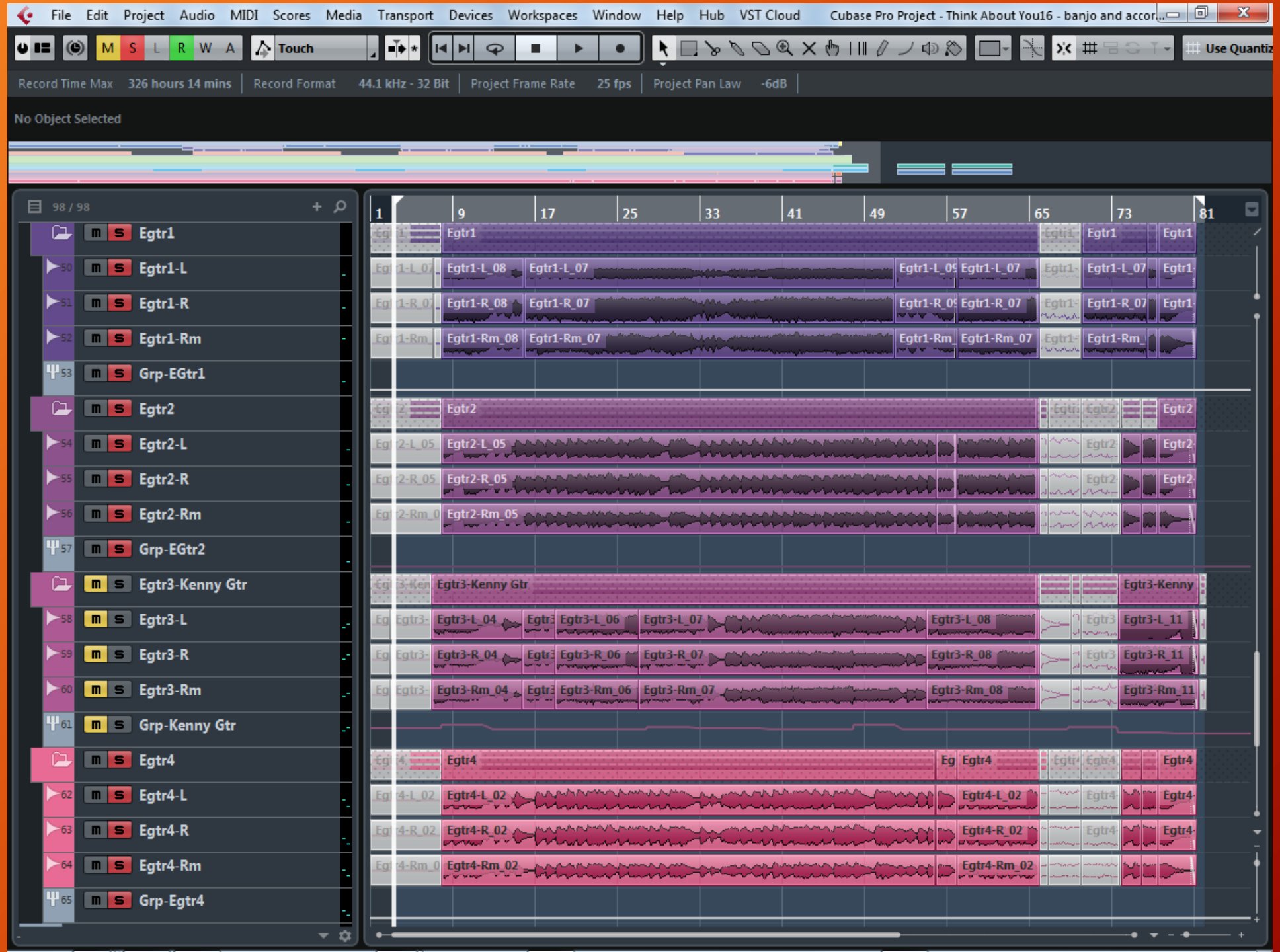
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Cubase Pro Project - Think About You16 - banjo and accor...
Touch
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Channel Settings : Grp-EGtr1 [stereo]
3 Sources
53
Grp-EGtr1
2 Targets
No Track Preset
Inserts
Strip
Channel Strip
Equalizer
Sends
Cue Sends
UAD Fairchild 670 Legacy
FX 3-REVGtr1
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PRE
1 LO
2 LMF
3 HMF
4 HI
HC
LC
Gain
Phase 0°
0.0dB
4.0dB
8.8dB
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100.0Hz
104.0Hz
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12000Hz
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7.0
Inserts
Routing
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Panning
-27.0
-25.1
R
W
53
Grp-EGtr1

Channel Settings : Grp-EGtr2 [stereo]
3 Sources
57
Grp-EGtr2
2 Targets
No Track Preset
Inserts
Strip
Channel Strip
Equalizer
Sends
Cue Sends
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FX 4-REVGtr2
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1 LO
2 LMF
3 HMF
4 HI
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LC
Gain
Phase 0°
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W
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Grp-EGtr2

Channel Settings : Grp-Kenny Gtr [stereo]
3 Sources
61
Grp-Kenny Gtr
2 Targets
No Track Preset
Inserts
Strip
Channel Strip
Equalizer
Sends
Cue Sends
FX 2-Snare
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1 LO
2 LMF
3 HMF
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Gain
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-4.8dB
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100.0Hz
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2000Hz
12000Hz
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0.2
0.2
7.0
Inserts
Routing
Destinations
Panning
-5.00
-16.3
61
Grp-Kenny Gtr
Channel Settings : Grp-Egtr4 [stereo]
3 Sources
65
Grp-Egtr4
2 Targets
No Track Preset
UAD Fairchild 670 Legacy
FX 5-REVGtr4
0.00
0.0dB
4.0dB
9.8dB
0.0dB
100.0Hz
104.0Hz
511.0Hz
12000Hz
7.0
0.2
0.2
7.0
-30.6
-28.9
65
Grp-Egtr4

Channel Settings : FX 3-REVGtr1 [stereo]
Grp-EGtr1
69
FX 3-REVGtr1
Stereo Out
No Track Preset
Inserts
Strip
Channel Strip
Equalizer
Sends
Cue Sends
REVerence
PRE
HC
LC
Gain
Phase 0°
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2 LMF
3 HMF
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0.0dB
100.0Hz
800.0Hz
2000Hz
12000Hz
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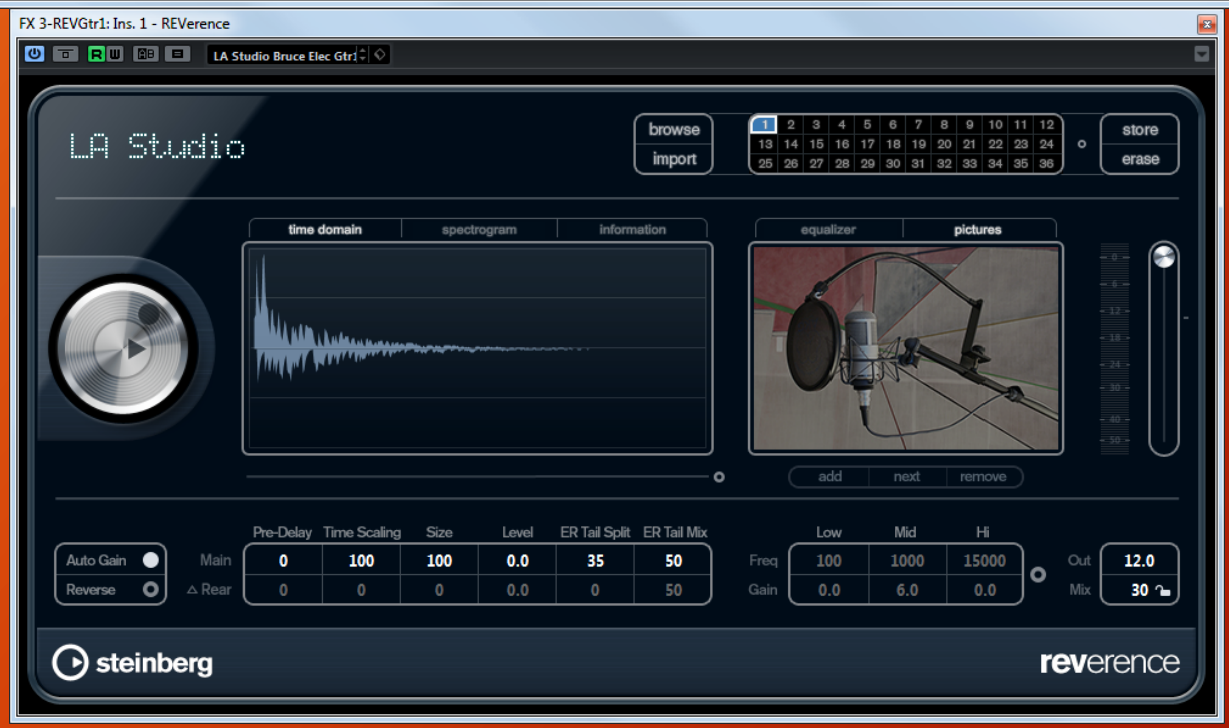
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equalizer
pictures
add
next
remove
Auto Gain
Reverse
Pre-Delay
Time Scaling
Size
Level
ER Tail Split
ER Tail Mix
Main
Rear
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50
Low
Mid
Hi
Freq
Gain
100
1000
15000
0.0
6.0
0.0
Out
Mix
12.0
30
steinberg
reverence

Channel Settings : FX 4-REVGtr2 [stereo]
Grp-EGtr2
70
FX 4-REVGtr2
Stereo Out
No Track Preset
Inserts
Strip
Channel Strip
Equalizer
Sends
Cue Sends
REVerence
PRE
1 LO
2 LMF
3 HMF
4 HI
HC
LC
Gain
Phase 0°
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800.0Hz
2000Hz
12000Hz
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0.2
7.0
Inserts
Routing
Destinations
Panning
R80
M
S
E
0.00
-19.8
R
W
70
FX 4-REVGtr2

Channel Settings : FX 5-REVGtr4 [stereo]
Grp-Egtr4
71
FX 5-REVGtr4
Stereo Out
No Track Preset
Inserts
Strip
Channel Strip
Equalizer
Sends
Cue Sends
REVerence
PRE
1 LO
2 LMF
3 HMF
4 HI
HC
LC
Gain
Phase 0°
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W
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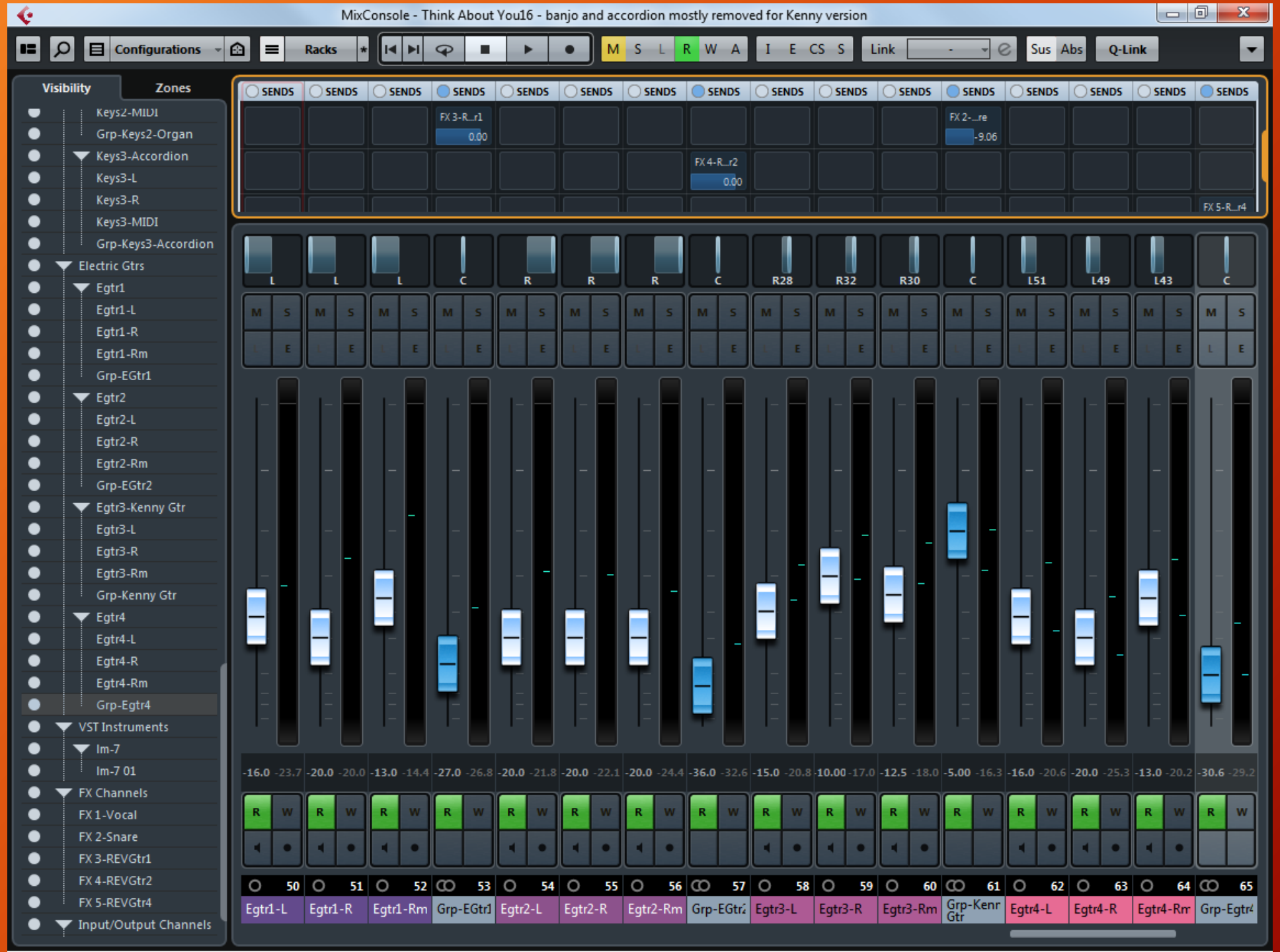
FX 5-REVGtr4


MixConsole - Think About You16 - banjo and accordion mostly removed for Kenny version
Configurations
Racks
Visibility
Zones
Keys2-MIDI
Grp-Keys2-Organ
Keys3-Accordion
Keys3-L
Keys3-R
Keys3-MIDI
Grp-Keys3-Accordion
Electric Gtrs
Egtr1
Egtr1-L
Egtr1-R
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VST Instruments
Im-7
Im-7 01
FX Channels
FX 1-Vocal
FX 2-Snare
FX 3-REVGtr1
FX 4-REVGtr2
FX 5-REVGtr4
Input/Output Channels
SENDS
FX 3-R...r1
0.00
FX 4-R...r2
0.00
FX 2-...re
-9.06
FX 5-R...r4
Egtr1-L
Egtr1-R
Egtr1-Rm
Grp-EGtr1
Egtr2-L
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Egtr2-Rm
Grp-EGtr2
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Grp-Kenny Gtr
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Egtr4-Rm
Grp-Egtr4

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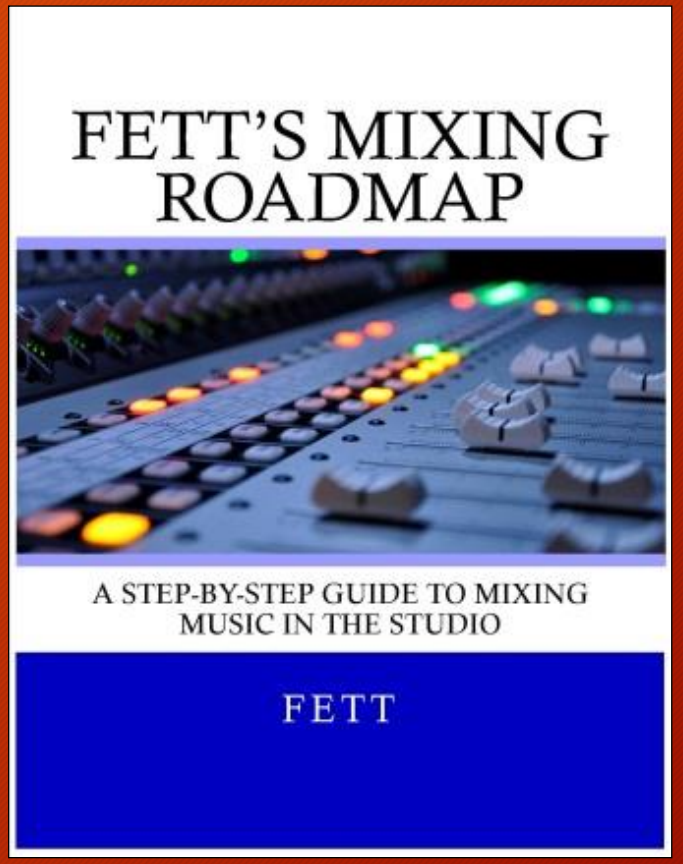

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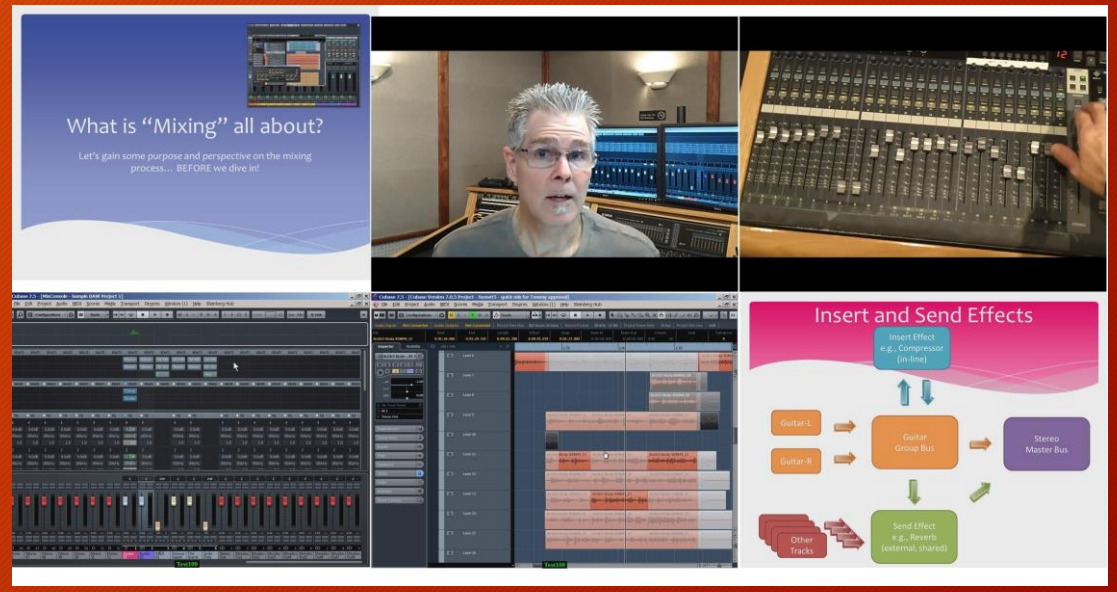

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More of Fett's Mixing Philosophy & Approach

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Fett's Mixing Philosophy and Approach…

- Fett's "*7 Stages of Mixing*"

1. Environment setup
2. Mix setup and maintenance
3. Core mix
4. Iterative adjustment and automation
5. Master bus processing and tweaksw
6. Multi-environment listening and final tweaks
7. Wrap-up and housekeeping

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Fett's Mixing Philosophy and Approach…

- Just like a song, a mix should be a *journey*!
- Mixing is not about *tracks*; it's about *musical arrangement* and *parts*!
- Mixing is a LOT easier if *left-brain* and *right-brain* tasks are done separately!
- There's a lot more than just *volume* to "place" a part in a mix! (Use Fett's "*5 Primary Mixing Tools*")

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Fett's Mixing Philosophy and Approach…

- Mixes that sound great on *speakers* will usually sound killer on *headphones* or *earbuds* … but rarely the other way around!
- Mixes that sound great at *low volume* will usually sound killer *loud* … but rarely the other way around!
- Our *ears* (and our *brains*) need regular *breaks*!
- Killer secret: *Layering* (aka Fett's "6th Primary Mixing Tool")

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