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CNET Editors' review

by: [CNET staff](#) on October 29, 2012

- **CNET Editors' Rating:**

Excellent

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Quick Specs

- Version:
6.0.5
- File size:
47.61MB
- Date added:
March 08, 2012
- Price:
Update; \$79.00 (part of iLife)
- Operating system:
Mac OS X 10.6 Intel
- Total downloads:
569,123
- Downloads last week:

GarageBand '11 is the latest iteration of Apple's recording studio application. With it you can record instrument and vocal feeds (with the right interfaces) or audio tracks, then mix your magnum opus. There's a built-in "learn to play" feature for both guitar and piano. GarageBand '11 installs easily but is a large download, and costs \$14.99.

The GarageBand '11 interface is split into panes. The main area shows you tracks layered one on top of the other. Beneath that is an output track representation. To the right are images of devices and effects you can switch in and out. The bottom of the window shows some common playback controls. A number of expanding menus let you access less-often-used features. The interface works well and won't take long for anyone to learn. New to this release are some additional lessons (which are good examples of playing in different styles) as well as a "how did I play" feature that assesses your performance. There's other tweaks with GarageBand '11 over early versions, all worthwhile.

We had a lot of fun with GarageBand '11. From playing guitar and keyboard through a 24-bit audio interface and applying various effects on playback, through to playing around with sound envelope parameters, there's a lot here for very little money. Compared with much more expensive applications, GarageBand '11 has a lot going for it, and unless you're in the advanced user category, this will be more than enough for you.

1,932

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- Additional Requirements
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Publisher's Description

From [Apple](#):



Welcome to the school of rock. A Mac-sized practice space. Your own recording studio. If you want to learn to play an instrument, write music, or record a song, GarageBand can help -- whether you're a rookie or a rock star.

What's new in this version:

- Updates compatibility with GarageBand for iOS projects
- Fixes a playback issue with the GarageBand Lesson preview videos
- Corrects issues with some software instruments triggering incorrect or stuck notes

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"Good app for music amators"

December 28, 2011 | By [ElizaWinter](#)

Version: Apple GarageBand 6.0.4

Pros

awasome app for young people and music fans

Cons

not noticed

Summary

good app)

you will have fan

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"Fun and friendly music recording software"

November 28, 2011 | By [ohappydev](#)

Version: Apple GarageBand 6.0.4

Pros

Fun and easy to use, has a clean interface that's easy to navigate, has a good variety of instruments and loops that are customizable.

Cons

Can be laggy when used with a midi device.

Summary

This latest version of Garageband is a great upgrade to the earlier version. This has more virtual instruments, better AutoTune and more options than ever before. I like that the app has video lessons available through the App store, as well. The interface is really easy to use. My only gripe is that the app can be a bit slow when used with a midi device or uploading a number of sounds at once. Not too much of a big deal, though.

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"I'm going in circles..."

June 3, 2011 | By [stevencee](#)

Version: Apple GarageBand 6.0.2

Pros

I might be able to mention some, if I could actually install the update....

Cons

Software update says I'm up-to-date, when I download it from the CNET site & try to install it, it tells me I must have at least GB 6 already installed. Well, I have 6.0.1 installed, so now what? Don't know where to go from here...

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"I must have overdosed on Stupidity Pills"

April 2, 2011 | By [Ras-x](#)

Version: Apple GarageBand 6.0.2

Pros

So far none!

Cons

Well, I checked my version - 6.01. Can't get a download of 6.02

Summary

As I said, i must have overdosed on stupidity pills. Running 6.01 on both iMac and Macbook pro. tried downloading, and it shunted me onto Software update. it came back and said i was up to date. Checked, still on 6.01. Forced it to download, opened the package and it said - no, check the the App Store. Opened up the Store, there is 6.02 advertised, but it tells me it is already installed. checked "About Garageband", and it says I have 6.01 installed. Ok, I give in, just going around in circles - on both machines!!!

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"Unable to install."

January 7, 2011 | By [Cypoman](#)

Version: Apple GarageBand 6.0.1

Pros

Unable to install.

Cons

Needs version 6 to install this patch.

Cannot be installed over any version 5.

Cannot find version 6.0.0 to install first.

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"amazing programme"

September 28, 2010 | By [prlblue](#)

Version: Apple GarageBand 6.0.1

Pros

ease of use

Cons

Not cheap any free use would be better to promote apple software

Summary

like the programme, many options on how & what to use it for

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"My savior for quick and quality production!!!"

April 1, 2010 | By [jminutes2010](#)

Version: Apple GarageBand 6.0.1

Pros

1. user interface is beautiful and easy to use....

2. does not buffer as much as other DAW's
3. sound quality is top notch when the environment matches it (soundproofing)
4. Tracks come and go flawlessly straight to my Ipod!!!!
- 5.FREe

Cons

1. WISH IT WASN'T SO PROMOTED AS A COOKIE CUTTER DAW LIKE FL STUDIO.....
IF YOU HAVE TRICKS AS A PRODUCER, YOU KNOW IT HAS MANY AMAZING ASPECTS!!!!

Summary

I have been a user since 06..... I have wowed many people from its production level outdoing quality in top PC DAWS for awhile!!!!!!!!!!

Worth it it's because of APPLE'S production standpoint in music, and video that they surpass it all overall!!!!

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"Great, Easy to use, and fun."

February 6, 2010 | By [Tryx](#)

Version: Apple GarageBand 6.0.1

Pros

Easy to use, Midi, Audio, Track pan, flying faders, and loops for the fun of wasting time

Cons

nothing :)

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"its very ood"

July 9, 2009 | By [CYR3FIR3](#)

Version: Apple GarageBand 4.0.0

Pros

is very good

Cons

its very good

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"The most user-friendly recording software out there."

April 4, 2009 | By [TokyoSound](#)

Version: Apple GarageBand 5.0.1

Pros

Based off of the solid Apple Logic platform, really decent borderline high-end guitar modelling right out of the box. The only music software on the market that let's you import midi files and dissect/alter them note-by-note for full customability.

Cons

Well, it ISN'T Apple Logic Pro, but excellect software for anyone interested in starting home recording. Tends to be sluggish after you have more than 8 tracks going. Loops and instruments included are pretty cheesy, JamPacks make it versatile.

Summary

If you have Garageband with all of the available JamPacks, you have an arsenal of over 10,000 instruments and loops that are mostly MIDI and fully customizeable to make them yours. The interface is extremely easy to navigate, even almost elementary like. Highlight, split track, press delete... *shazam* all your white noise between vocal takes are gone. Pitch correction is pretty good for vocals, not so over the top like Cher or Lil' Wayne. As far as synth tones, vocal effects, and mastering effects... You just need to sit down with it and create your own tones to really feel the magic.

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