realsamples Harpsichord 1738 for Dorico

What's included

- This very important read me file
- Harpsichord1738.dorico_pt – the playback template.

You need to have already installed Dorico 3.5.12 (or later) and the realsamples Harpsichord 1738.

Playback Template

First, import the playback template (Harpsichord1738.dorico_pt) by dragging and dropping the file on to the Dorico hub.

Alternatively, open any Dorico project and use **Play** > **Playback Template…** and then the **Import…** button.

In any of your Dorico projects you can now use the Harpsichord 1738 sound by applying the playback template from the **Play** > **Playback Template…** dialog – but that will only load sounds for a harpsichord, not any other instruments, so keep reading…
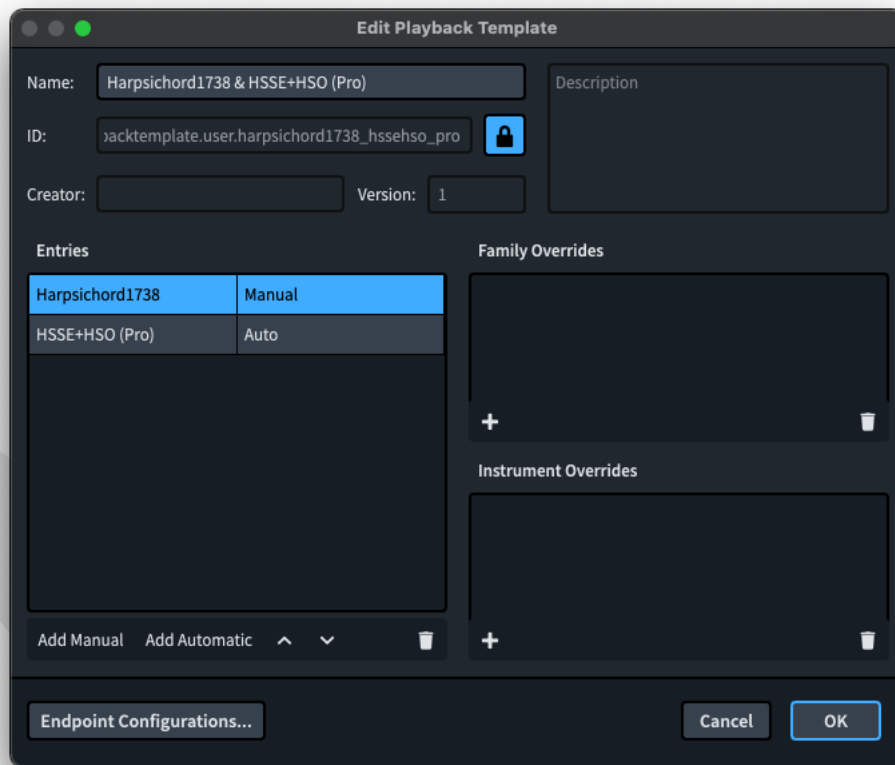
Using with other libraries

As this playback template only contains information for the harpsichord in Dorico, you will want to create a custom set up adding this harpsichord instrument to the playback template you already use e.g. the Dorico default HSSE+HSO, NotePerformer or other library for other instruments. To set this up, import the .dorico_pt playback template and then in Play mode go to the **Play** > **Playback Template…** menu. Either choose an existing template as a starting point and at the bottom of the dialog press the **Duplicate** button, or press the **Add Playback Template** option to make a new template.

Give it a suitable name, click on the **Add Manual** button and add this new endpoint from the list. Add any other libraries as necessary using the **Add Manual** or **Add Automatic** buttons and use the arrow buttons to sort the order, remembering that Dorico starts from the top of the list and works down when assigning instruments to libraries.

In the example below, the Harpsichord1738 entry only contains information about the harpsichord (so no Family or Instrument Overrides are needed), and will be used first. The default HSSE+HSO sounds will then be used for all other instruments.

Once you've created your Playback Template you can choose it and use the **Apply and Close** button to have Dorico re-load the sounds on any project using the libraries you've chosen.

If you wish you can make this your default playback template by going to **Preferences** > **Play** and choosing your template from the dropdown list.

Loading Instruments

Applying the playback template will then load a new entry in to your VST rack in the RH zone in Play mode (one per harpsichord in the project).

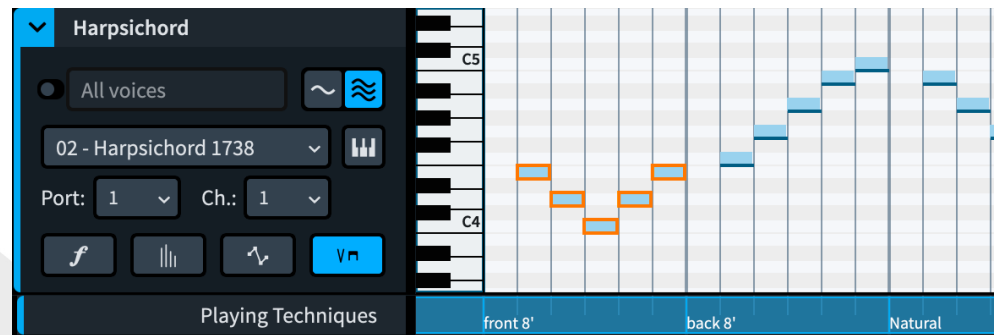Dorico will also load the expression map.

Mapped MIDI CC controls

The Front 8' and Back 8' stops have been mapped to MIDI CC controls (CC12 and CC13 respectively). You can use these options simply by adding the playing techniques from the RH zone in Playing Techniques in the Keyboard section or using the **Shift-P** popover and typing **front 8** or **back 8**.

FAQs and Troubleshooting

Checking which technique is being used

If you need to check which technique is being triggered, use the Playing Techniques lane in Play mode and you'll see the techniques listed under the notes in the key editor.

Issues or Errors

If you find any issues with the Dorico template or playback template or would like to suggest changes or tweaks to it, please email discoverdorico@steinberg.de