

Introduction to CanvasMan

Welcome! We hope you enjoy **CanvasMan**. After reading this document, be sure to check out the **READ ME FIRST!** icon that appears during **CanvasMan's** SETUP—doing so will save you time in the long run.

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Overview

CanvasMan is the Windows editor/librarian for Roland's Sound Canvas line of GS synthesizers (SC-55, SC-55mkII, SCC-1, VSC-55, JV-30 and 30 others (see the help file's **READ ME FIRST!** section for a complete list)). **CanvasMan** provides true MIDI multitasking — you can run it by itself, while you sequence with Cakewalk, or while you jam with Band-In-A-Box. Your wait is over for an easy-to-use Sound Canvas editor.

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 data in standard sysex format (also called "MIDIEX" format) so you can store edits within 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 mastery over all Global, Part, and Drum parameters. No other editor gives you such complete control over the Sound Canvas!

Minimum System Requirements

- Microsoft Windows 3.1 or Windows 95, mouse or other pointing device, 386sx processor
- MIDI interface with a Windows driver
- Roland GS synthesizer

Quick Start

1 Run SETUP

Windows 95 Users

Select **Start** and then **Run**. This will display the **Run** dialog.

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 the Shareware Edition of **CanvasMan**, type the path to SETUP.EXE and press <Enter> (e.g., **C:\TEMP\SETUP <Enter>**).

Follow the instructions on the screen.

Windows 3.1 Users

Go to the Program Manager screen and select **File** and then **Run**. This will display the Run dialog and position your cursor at Command Line.

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- 2 **Start CanvasMan**—For Windows 95, select **CanvasMan** from the **PowerJam Systems** folder. For Windows 3.1, double-click on the **CanvasMan** icon in the **PowerJam Systems** Program Manager group.
- 3 **Set Up MIDI Devices**—Setting up your MIDI devices consists of three dialog boxes: **Sequence MIDI Output Ports**, **MIDI Thru**, and **Define Synths**. Select **Sequence MIDI Output Ports** from **CanvasMan's** Setup menu (**CanvasMan** will automatically run this option for you the first time in). Follow the on-screen instructions. I strongly encourage you to read the manual or online help here. See also the online help's **MIDI Multitasking** section for more information.

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General

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Shareware versus Retail

Users are sometimes confused by the fact that there are multiple versions of **CanvasMan**. As of this writing, there is a shareware version (on bulletin board systems, CompuServe, the Internet, etc.) and a retail version: the Cakewalk Professional Edition. (Parker Adams has discontinued marketing the retail Deluxe Edition.) It is illegal to distribute any retail version. You may distribute the shareware version, however, and I encourage you to do so. The rest of this help topic pertains to the shareware version only.

The marketing concept known as 'shareware' allows you to evaluate a working program to determine what it is worth to you, and then buy it if you are going to use it. **CanvasMan** is not a free program. If you still use it after thirty days, register ("buy") **CanvasMan** by sending us \$49 US. If you don't think **CanvasMan** is worth it, please let us know why—we will see if we can satisfy you with the next version.

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Registering the shareware version enables access to the enhanced features of **CanvasMan**. You can also download free updates to future shareware versions.

The help system contains a ready-to-print order form for all **PowerJam Systems** shareware programs. The order form also explains how CompuServe users can register **CanvasMan** online (program #660).