

## Welcome to *Hyperupic*!

*Hyperupic* is a color image to sound transducer. In other words, *Hyperupic* transforms a 24-bit rgb **TIFF** image into a 16-bit sound file using a variety of dimensional mapping schemes. Unfortunately, *Hyperupic* transduction is a computationally expensive process. You'll need to hold your horses.

Fortunately this process seems to bear gifts; it has unveiled unique, and coherent sounds from many trial images and it shows promise of being a subtle and potent sound exploration tool.

*Hyperupic* employs oscillator bank resynthesis to synthesize a sound from a user specified frequency distribution and amplitude information derived from the input **TIFF** image. Unfortunately, to answer a predictable question, this oscillator bank is not implemented using the **NeXT**'s resident 56001 DSP. Volunteers?

*Hyperupic* can even be used as a (relatively) poor-man's **Upic**: the sound representation system conceived by Greek supercomposer *Iannis Xenakis*. Just launch icon, grab a funky brush pattern and draw a wacky image. Save it as a 24-bit alpha-free image, and load it into *Hyperupic*. Taste-tee!

What separates *Hyperupic* from its \$30,000 cousin is that *Hyperupic* can transduce images of trees, Bosnia, or even Elvis. *Hyperupic* uses color.

By the way, *Hyperupic* is free of copy restrictions; I hate them, but I may have to resort to selling software in the future. For the time being you can trade this software like you would a virtual baseball card. You can even pretend you wrote this software yourself! But if you do this, you might catch a rare strain of

leprosy from a pipe-smoking stranger.

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