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125th AES Convention: Workshop Proposal - Submitted 2008-5-22

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4. Related AESTC(s):
Human Factors in Audio Systems, Studio Practices and Production

5. Proposed Convention:
125th

6. Day of event within Convention (Optional):
No preference

7. Proposed Title of Session:
Mastering Chaos in Sound Production -- From Mixer to Mouse, and Back Again.

8. Type of Proposal:
Workshop

9. Is this proposal linked to another proposal?

10. 125 Word Abstract:
Producing sound based on many sources, such as a multitrack recording or a live event, can be a very complex matter with a desire to control several parameters of the mix or processing simultaneously, or at least with a short access time. Large mixing consoles with associated outboard processing gear offer direct access to many parameters involved but the possibility for direct access has its costs, both in terms of economics and space. The other extreme is a compact computer-based sound production system using just a single pointing device, a mouse, to control all parameters in a more serial fashion, and at a comparatively low cost. Hybrids have emerged where some controls of a computer-based system have moved out into a remote control which may look like traditional mixing or processing hardware. This workshop will address properties of the different approaches from a human perspective.
factors point of view, with topics ranging from the mental model of the user interfaces, the ergonomics, properties such as visual and tactile feedback, and speed and certainty of operation, and including practical user experiences of the different types of interfaces.

11. Intended audience:
Experienced as well as less experienced users of sound production systems. Also manufacturers of equipment may find inspiration in this workshop.

12. Anticipated size of audience:
50-100

13. Proposed Workshop Chair, or Tutorial/Master Class Presenter:
None yet.

14. Possible panel speakers:
2-3 representatives of users, both professionals and amateurs. The panelists should represent different ways of working with audio production: From the classical way using a large console and outboard processing gear, over hybrid approaches, to one which may never have used a traditional console but instead uses computer based tools exclusively, and is happy doing that - the typical home studio owner.

1 or 2 specialists in human factors and ergonomics, not necessarily from within the audio field.

15. Preferred event duration:
2 hours

16. Special facility needs:

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