

# Arrangers Survey Course

## Comparisons between Ketron SD90 & Roland BK-7M

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Marcus Baggio



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The Arranger Survey session is a joint presentation with Markus and Bob. They will present a side by side comparison of the two more popular arrangers: Roland BK-7m and the Ketron SD90.

Roland BK-7m



Ketron SD90



Both Marcus and Bob will be presenting dedicated sessions to the BK-7m and the SD90, therefore this arranger survey class will not replicate any of the material in those classes. Instead this class will focus more at a high level, what the two arrangers are capable of. The session will begin with a side by side audio comparison where both instruments are used to play the same tune by Marcus and Bob. That way you can hear the quality of the voices and backing band for both arrangers to get a feel for how they perform.

The idea of this session is to provide information for those people who are interested in buying an arranger or learning to use an arranger. Therefore, the instructors do not intent to present that one arranger is better than the other. The idea is to present factors that go into purchasing an arranger to meet your needs. One of the arrangers may be more suitable to you than the other based on factors such as cost, capabilities, realistic sounds, and quality of backing styles.

The class will therefore compare characteristics such as:

- Manufacture website, where to get more information
- Facebook support sites
- Ports for connecting instruments, USB connectors
- Voices
- Number of voices for Right-hand, left-hand chords, and left-hand bass
- Ability to configure voices with reverb, chorus, effects, vibrato
- Arranger capabilities: ABCD, Start, Stop, Fill, Break
- Rhythms and Styles
- Can other formats be converted to work with the arranger?
- Ability to control volume of style parts
- Split Keyboard
- Recording, looping
- Foot pedal controls
- Backing up configurations and restore
- Control via tablet and blue tooth
- Ability to configure/tailor a style
- Displaying of lyrics for karaoke
- Additional Features
- Year released, last software updates, warranty, market price

Roland BK-7m



Ketron SD90



### Training Style

Session will be taught as lecture and open discussion with the attendees.

Can I attend if I do not have a BK-7m or SD90?

Yes