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## NEW IBM MUSIC FEATURE

### ORCHESTRATES 336 DIFFERENT SOUNDS

RYE BROOK, N.Y. April 2 . . . Music lovers expect to hear flutes, violins, guitars or horns in a concert hall, but not when they sit down at a computer. This can all change for IBM customers with the introduction today of the IBM Music Feature.

This option is designed for a wide range of musicians, from students and home musicians to music educators and professional performers.

The adapter card can be used for both studio recording and live performance. It is designed for use by musicians or teachers with years of experience, as well as for others interested in self-enrichment and personal enjoyment through computer-based music training.

In addition to IBM's Personal System/2<sup>TM</sup> Model 30 introduced today, this adapter card brings musical abilities to the IBM Personal Computer, IBM Personal Computer XT<sup>TM</sup> and the IBM Personal Computer AT<sup>R</sup>.

The IBM Music Feature contains circuitry and logic to generate 336 different sounds -- 240 preset, 96 user programmable. These preset sounds include wind instruments such as clarinets, brass instruments such as trumpets, and percussion instruments such as drums. Non-musical sounds such as wind and rain also can be created.

Up to eight sounds may be played simultaneously with one adapter card. Two cards may be installed in one system, bringing the total number of notes which may be played simultaneously to 16.

The option is installed within the system unit and generally is used with a Musical Instrument Digital Interface keyboard widely available through retail music stores. This combination helps musicians compose, perform, record and play back music directly from their computer systems. It is used with speakers and amplifiers to create dynamic stereo sound on a par with digital compact disc recordings.

The IBM Music Feature costs \$495 and is available immediately from IBM Authorized Advanced Products Dealers and IBM's South-West or North-Central Marketing divisions. Dealer prices may vary.

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