



THE DELAY RENAISSANCE

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Like most years, Winter NAMM 2017 delivered a flood of new guitars, amps and effects that we're excited to try out. But as we look back at this year's show, what stands out is the tidal wave of tantalizing new delay pedals that will soon hit the market. Here's a rundown of five that fully captured our attention.



ALEXANDER SKY FI

Just when you thought the team at Alexander Pedals couldn't possibly create a cooler compact delay—we're looking at you, History Lesson Vol. 2—out rolls the Sky Fi.

Part reverb, part delay, the Sky Fi was inspired by a certain old-school rack unit that, due to some hardware quirks, has a legacy of slowly building the intensity of the reverb effects over time. That's the experience you get in the Sky Fi. And in typical Alexander Pedals fashion, there are a few new tricks and innovations involved that didn't exist back in 1990.

The Sky Fi has three modes that combine varying delay times with a unique reverb tag team partner. Whether it's a washed out reverb, a touch of shimmer or that slow-blooming reverb combined with echo, we're very excited about the possibilities here.

Especially considering the extra functionality that's been integrated into the stomp switch.

On top of all the delay and reverb combinations, Sky Fi offers a selectable press-and-hold Infinite or Freeze feature. So, while playing, if you hold down the stomp switch with the pedal engaged, you can shift the delay and reverb engine into sustaining feedback that takes any new notes you play and layers them all together in a cacophonous swirl, or you can freeze a certain set of notes without changing their harmonic content as you continue to play.

And the good news is that we won't have to wait long to try it out. The Sky Fi is live on the Alexander Pedals website for \$199.99.

Plus, as always, Alexander Pedals is committed to doing good—so a portion of the profit from every pedal goes to St. Jude's Children's Hospital to help bring an end to childhood cancer.