

Cafecito

STUDIO COMPANION

FREE · NO ACTIVATION

A little café for your track. It does nothing to your audio — it just keeps time, keeps score, and keeps you company while you work.



INSTALLING

Cafecito is **free** — there's nothing to unlock. Drop it on any track or the master bus; it passes your audio through untouched and saves everything with your project, per instance.

MACOS

Open `Cafecito-1.0.0-macOS.pkg`. Installs the AU (Logic, GarageBand), the VST3 (Ableton, Cubase, Reaper, Studio One...), and the standalone app to

`/Applications/Siesta Audio`. Signed & notarized. macOS 10.13+, universal.

WINDOWS

Run `Cafecito-1.0.0-Windows.exe`

(SmartScreen → **More info** → **Run anyway**; the free installer is unsigned). Installs the VST3 + standalone. 64-bit Windows 10+.

LINUX

Unpack `Cafecito-Linux-x86_64.tar.gz` and drop `Cafecito.vst3` into `~/.vst3`. Loads in Reaper, Bitwig, Ardour, Waveform.

FIND IT

Rescan plug-ins and look for **Siesta Audio** → **Cafecito**. It shows up as an audio **effect** (it's a pass-through), so put it anywhere in the chain.

PER TRACK

Each instance keeps its own journal — one on the vocal, one on the drum bus, one on the master. Name each from the header field.

THE COMPACT VIEW & GAIN STAGING

Cafecito opens **minimal** — a "master station" you can leave on a bus and glance at. The **chevron** (top-right) expands it into the full workspace; the **sliders** icon toggles which modules appear.

TIME ON THIS TRACK

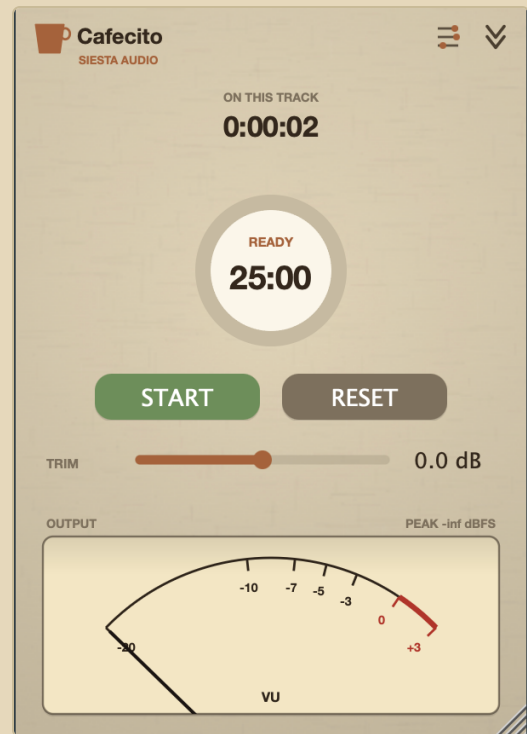
An always-running total of the real time you've put into this track. It keeps counting whether or not the editor is open, saves with the project, and picks up where it left off — only pausing while the plug-in or host is closed.

VU METER

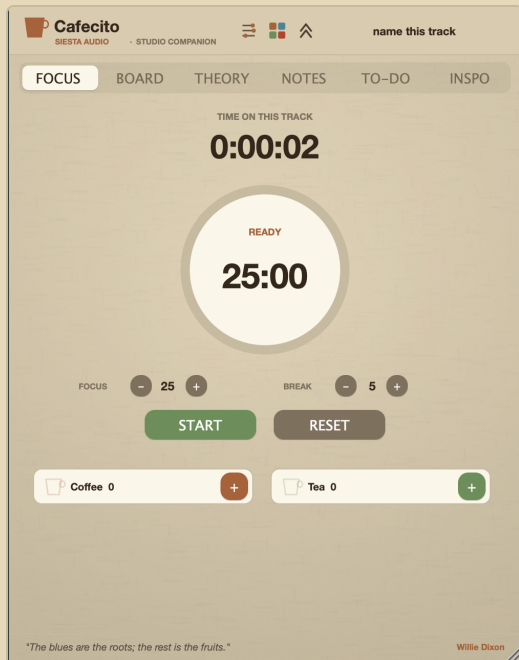
A real analog needle. **0 VU = -18 dBFS** (Siesta house level), with a red over-0 zone and a live **PEAK dBFS** readout. Set your levels so the needle rests around 0 and you're gain-staged into everything downstream.

TRIM

A ± 24 dB output trim — the one thing Cafecito can do to your sound. It's **unity by default**, so the plug-in stays transparent until you move it. Double-click to snap back to 0.



FOCUS & THE POMODORO



The **FOCUS** tab is a Pomodoro timer. **START** begins a focus round; **RESET** restarts it. Set the lengths with the **FOCUS** and **BREAK** steppers (focus 1–90 min, break 1–60).

CHIME + CONFETTI

When a round ends, Cafecito plays a soft chime and throws a little confetti, then flips to a break (and back). Turn the chime off in the ⚙ menu if you want silence.

FOLLOW TRANSPORT

Optional (⚙ menu): the Pomodoro starts when your DAW plays and pauses when it stops, so the timer tracks your actual working sessions hands-free.

COFFEE / TEA

Tap to log a cup. Purely for the record — a small ritual, saved with the track.

TUNER & CIRCLE OF FIFTHS

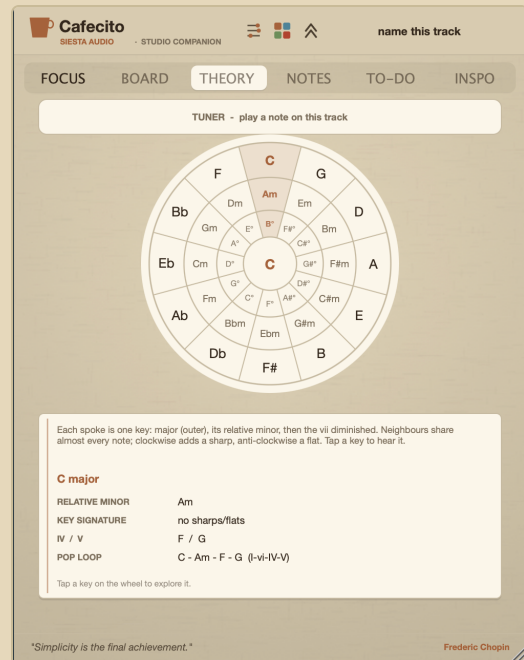
TUNER

The strip at the top reads the track's audio and shows the nearest note and how many cents sharp or flat you are — green when you're in tune. Great for a quick check on guitar, bass, or a vocal.

CIRCLE OF FIFTHS

Three rings per key: the **major** (outer), its **relative minor**, and the **vii° diminished** (inner). Tap any wedge to hear that note through a soft piano; the centre and the card below show the selected key, its relative minor, key signature, IV/V, and a I–vi–IV–V pop loop.

Neighbours on the wheel share almost every note — move around it to find chords that already belong together.



NOTES, TO-DO, BOARD & INSPO

NOTES

A plain session notepad. **A-** / **A+** set the text size; **Save** / **Load** export or import a `.txt` file. Everything also saves inside the project automatically.

TO-DO

An iOS-style checklist. Tap the ring to complete an item (it strikes through); the **x** removes it.

BOARD

A little kanban of sticky notes. Add cards, drag them between columns with the **<** **>** arrows, rename or add columns. Perfect for "ideas / tracking / done" on a single song.

INSPO

Paste reference links — a YouTube tutorial, a track you're chasing, a preset page. Click **open** to launch it in your browser.

MAKE IT YOURS

MODULES

The  menu turns every part on or off — board, circle of fifths, notes, to-do, inspo, coffee/tea, VU meter, trim, tuner, chime, follow-transport. Run it as a bare timer or the full rig; the window resizes to fit.

THEMES

Six looks from the palette icon: Kraft, Linen, Sage, Slate, Blush, and a dark **Midnight**. Your choice saves with the track.

FORMATS, REQUIREMENTS & LICENSE

Formats: AU + VST3 + Standalone (macOS), VST3 + Standalone (Windows & Linux).

Not Pro Tools: Cafecito isn't offered as AAX, so it won't run in Pro Tools. Any VST3- or AU-compatible DAW works.

macOS: 10.13+, universal (Apple Silicon + Intel), signed & notarized. **Windows:** 10+, 64-bit. **Linux:** x86_64, VST3.

Free — no activation. Nothing to unlock, no server, no account. Install it and go.

The one thing we ask: don't redistribute the plugin itself — send people to **siestaaudio.com** so they always get the latest build.

Cafecito never touches your audio beyond the optional trim, and never phones home.

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