

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, June, 2008

Meeting Notice-Sunday, June 24th, 2:00PM-5:00PM

Arlington Heights Historical Society
110 W. Fremont, Arlington Room
Arlington Heights, IL

For directions go to:

<http://www.chicagoaudio.org/directions.htm>

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I enjoy putting together this newsletter-please read it!

It's now OK to park on Fremont Street. However, if you aren't arriving early the parking lot directly across the street will likely be a better spot.

PLEASE remember during meetings when music is playing or someone is speaking to have any conversations above a brief whisper either through the inside double doors or outside.

Larry Musial brought a CD last month that attracted a lot of attention called Drum Sex by Brent Lewis. This won the 2004 Grammy Award for Best New Age Album. This isn't your father's New Age album however! It's available to listen to samples and order directly from the artist (for less than Amazon, so support the artist!) at:

<http://www.brentlewis.com/> .

JUNE MEETING

MUSIC! (What a concept!) Bring your latest finds, obscure favorites, and not beaten warhorses. CD and Vinyl System provided by Brian Walsh of Essential Audio (www.essentialaudio.com)

Demo of Sangean HDT-1 HD (Hybrid Digital) AM/FM tuner provided by Jared Johnson (www.sangean.com)

We are overdue for a music meeting and are fortunate to have both analog and digital available for this month's meeting. Brian Walsh will be supplying the following system:

Lector CDP-7TL Mk 3 CD player (<http://www.docet-lector.com/>) Kuzma Stabi S turntable with Stogi S tonearm and Shelter 501 Mk 2 cartridge

(<http://www.kuzma.si/news.php>)

Atma-Sphere MP-1 Mk III preamplifier (<http://www.atma-sphere.com/>)

Atma-Sphere MA-1 Mk II.3 amplifiers (<http://www.atma-sphere.com/>)

Krix Lyrix Gold speakers (<http://www.krix.com.au/>)

The Lector player has received very positive reviews from the Absolute Sound. The Kuzma turntable setup was used to excellent effect at the Classic Records meeting in December 2006. Atma-sphere electronics have also been featured at past meetings to excellent effect. The Krix Lyrix Gold speakers are a dual 6.5" driver floor-standing loudspeaker from Australia.

In addition, Jared Johnson will bring his recently acquired Sangean HDT-1 HD (Hybrid Digital)AM/FM tuner. This under \$200 tuner received a very positive review from Positive Feedback, among others. In addition to picking up the new additional digital subchannels of many Chicago AM and FM stations (Jared counted 18 FM HD stations at home), Jared felt the fidelity of regular analog FM on WFMT (which is analog only) was better on the Sangean on his previous personal tuner. We will play about a 10-15 minute portion of the Chicago Symphony broadcast on WFMT which is going on during the first hour of our meeting.

Be sure to bring your CD's and vinyl.

MAY MEETING RECAP

We were happy to host Robert Grost from Cerious Technologies (<http://www.cerious technologies.com>) who founded the well-regarded Unity Audio, and has now applied his extensive background in ceramics technology to Cerious Technologies. The company's loudspeaker cabinets, modified cone materials, interconnect conductor material, and speaker cable conductor material are entirely made of ceramics of their design. Ceramics are also used in the jacket materials for interconnects, speaker cables, and power cables.

We had on hand the company's flagship Ceramic Reference System, a four piece dynamic driver system consisting of two way satellites and two self-powered subwoofers. The satellites employed a custom Scan Speak ring tweeter and an 18 cm custom midrange with a proprietary ceramic composite cone. Each subwoofer utilizes two 25 cm, cast basket woofers with composite aluminum/ceramic cones with integral 300 watt amplification with variable crossover allowing flexibility of room integration.

The system consisted of:

Primare Audio 928 Preamp
Primare Audio NRG Amplifier
Bow Technologies ZZ-8 CD Player
Cerious Audio Technologies Interconnects, Speaker Wire, and Power Cords

The system was demoed to excellent effect, as evidenced by a lot of quiet listeners (we thank you!) who stayed to the end. Bob answered numerous questions on the design, construction, and philosophy of the speakers. As they say on their website- yes, this is rocket science! And a reference system setup with unique technology. Our thanks to Bob Grost for an outstanding meeting that also defied the laws of physics by having everything fit into a Honda CR-V!

FUTURE MEETINGS

Please note dates and save for future reference. Mark your calendar!

Sunday, July 15th, 2007: Summer Meeting at Rick Berta's house in Orland Park. More to follow!

Sunday, August 19th, 2007: Summer Meeting at Jeff Kenton's house in McHenry (on the Fox River). More to follow!

Sunday, September 16th, 2007: We return to Arlington Heights meeting place. Abbington Music Research (www.amr-audio.co.uk) with AMR reps and Brian Walsh. More to follow!

Sunday, October 21st, 2007: FIELD TRIP MEETING (NOT AT ARLINGTON HEIGHTS) to Ultimate Audio Video in Deerfield (<http://www.ultimateaudiovideo.citymax.com/page/page/3698484.htm>) hosted by Ron La Porte. More to follow!

Sunday, November 18th, 2007 (probable): We return to Arlington Heights. Ken Christianson from Pro Musica (<http://www.promusicaaudio.com/>). Naim, Naim recordings, and maybe Quad.

More to follow!