

## Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, January, 2008

### Meeting Notice-Sunday, January 20th, 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>

### 2008 Dues

As we enter our 15th year (!) there has never been a dues increase and with your support we hope to keep it that way! Great meetings, great guests, great music, your fellow audiophiles, and free refreshments for about the cost of a gallon of gas per month!

#### **\$40 Annual Dues :**

Please bring to the meeting or if you are unable to attend checks can be made out to Chicago Audio Society and mailed to:  
Chicago Audio Society  
P.O. Box 7281  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Thank you!

### JANUARY MEETING

We start the new year with Paul Lawless, the local rep from Sjofn HiFi ([www.sjofnhifi.com](http://www.sjofnhifi.com)) who represents Scandinavian-made hifi and the Xindak line of Chinese electronics. These were well received at the recent Rocky Mountain Audio Fest and have already gotten the attention of Stereophile, specifically the Guru Audio QM-10 Loudspeakers which feature bass response to 30Hz in a cabinet about the size of a toaster oven! Paul will be demonstrating the speakers with both his entry level equipment from Xindak and Supra Cables and high-end equipment from Hegel and Supra Cables as follows:

#### **Guru QM 10 (Quality Manager) Studio Monitors**

<http://www.guruproaudio.com/newguru/>

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

#### **Xindak**

A06 Integrated Amplifier  
A06 CD player  
(Entry level system)  
<http://www.xindak.com/english/>

#### **Hegel Music Systems**

H200 Integrated Amplifier  
2 x 200 @ 8 ohms 2 x 350 @ 4 ohms

CDP2A Disc player  
Balanced multilevel 24 bit 192 kHz DA- converter  
with synchronous upsampling

[www.hegel.com](http://www.hegel.com)

### **Powered by Supra Cables**

Classic 2.5 speaker cable  
EFF-ISL Interconnects

Sword Speaker Cables - bifilar wound litz conductors (Flagship)  
Sword Interconnects

[www.jenving.se](http://www.jenving.se)

Be sure to bring along your favorite music-new finds always welcome!

## **DECEMBER MEETING RECAP**

Our December holiday meeting featured equipment designed by Larry Hepinstall of Ogre Systems from Batavia, IL supplied by our member Larry Musial. We had an Ogre Systems preamp and CD player with battery power supplies. Larry Hepinstall discussed his design philosophy heavily geared to eliminating and suppressing RF and answered questions. The system on hand included:

Ogre Systems single input preamp with battery option power supply  
Ogre Systems modded Marantz CD-67SE CD player with AC supply  
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Stan Warrens latest generation chip amp based on the LM4780 chip, with current dumper and snubber circuits  
Reality Cables (Gregg Straley) interconnects and speaker cables  
Marigo CD mat  
Marigo power cables  
Audio Physic Tempo III Loudspeakers (thanks to Gregg Straley)  
Panamax surge protector

In addition, Brian Walsh ([www.essentialaudio.com](http://www.essentialaudio.com)) brought along 3 Acoustic Systems (<http://www.avataracoustics.com/acousticssystem/resonators.php>) resonators and a bass block for those who may not have heard them at the September '07 meeting. Again, very impressive and they made an already very good system sound even better.

The Ogre electronics had a very low noise floor (battery power supplies) and delivered an excellent sound with the latest Stan Warren chip amp with the Audio Physics speakers. Larry Hepinstall uses Legacy Loudspeakers as a reference and was favorably impressed by the Audio Physics speakers with their small drivers embodying a different design philosophy. Our thanks to Larry, a local audiophile engineer designer, who describes Ogre Systems as a labor of love not even for "McDonald's money". He does not have a website, but can be reached at [l.hepinstall@sbcglobal.net](mailto:l.hepinstall@sbcglobal.net) or by cell phone at 630-701-8845.