



The Golden Ear

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Meeting Notice

Sunday, February 18th - 2:00pm

Mechanical Isolation

An air isolation stand by Machina Dynamica will be demonstrated under a CD player and a turntable. Used to great effect at some past Consumer Electronics Shows, this still relatively little known device might surprise even the most jaded audiophiles with what it can do. We will try to describe in as much detail what it does and why. Hear it for yourself.

Last Month

John Kotches, Denny Robertson, and Brian Walsh gave reports on the recent Consumer Electronics Show. We played LPs and CDs, including some newly acquired recordings from Cisco Music (King Super Analogue) and a sampler SACD from Red Rose Music (Mark Levinson's company).

Officer elections were held, with Brian Walsh, Rich Sacks, and Bill Sweet reelected as President, Vice President, and Secretary, respectively. Due to other commitments Dennis Anderson is unable to continue serving as Treasurer. Pending a vote at this month's meeting, we anticipate the position will be filled.

Time was unfortunately cut short (just trying to do too many things at a meeting!) for Martin King and Matthew May to give their presentations on acoustics and compression. We regret the problem and have invited them to give it another try. Stay tuned.

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Future Months

March 18 - Mark Schifter, Perpetual Technologies (tentative, to be confirmed).

April 22 - (NOTE: meeting to be held on the fourth Sunday, to avoid conflict with Easter Sunday) - Pascal Ravach of Mutine, representing Audiomat, Vecteur, and Equation.

Others in the works: Sedrick Harris, Immedia (as well as Audio Physic, Lyra, and Herron); "Clearing the Digital Fog" by John Kotches; a return visit in June to TLG Acoustical Design in Chicago.

Final Dues Notice

Please take care of dues at once, either at this month's meeting or by mail (the address is listed at the bottom of this page). Still just \$30, the dues cover our costs and enable us to continue having fun, interesting meetings and other activities.

For Sale

Audiostatic ES100/SW100 full range crossoverless electrostatic speakers, satin whitet; Lazarus h1a hybrid tube/mosfet amplifiers (50 w/ch stereo, 200 w mono, single ended and balanced inputs); Threshold CAS1 amplifier (75 w/ch); Linn Sondek LP12 (can be upgraded with Valhalla, etc.) with Ittok LVII tonearm and Asak MC cartridge, with 45 RPM adaptor, etc.; Grace 707 tonearm mounted in Linn armboard, with GAS Sleeping Beauty Shibata MC cartridge; Mitchell Cotter Mk 2 'P' moving coil step-up transformer. Serious offers. Can deliver. Brian (847) 382-8433 (or email bpwalsh@speakeasy.net).

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We meet on the third Sunday of each month at 2pm at The Dance Building, 1330 Webford Ave., Des Plaines IL, nonmembers are welcome (\$5 fee, may be applied to \$30 annual dues, prorata). CAS is a volunteer, nonprofit organization of audio and music enthusiasts dedicated to having fun. Our constitution and bylaws are available on our website at <http://www.chicagoaudio.org> or in printed form upon request.