

The Golden Ear

Newsletter of the *Chicago Audio Society*

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Meeting Notice

Sunday, February 17th, 2:00 pm

Equipment Demonstrations

Matthew May

Local tube aficionado Matthew May will demonstrate and talk about various gear he has tweaked or built himself, including a Fisher 200B tuner, a modified Dynaco PAS-2 preamp, Eico HF-89 amplifier, and a tube AM tuner he built from scratch. Matthew openly shares his enthusiasm and considerable knowledge, including his interest in radio broadcasting and reception.

We'll also hold officer elections, which should have been done last month.

Last Month

John Kotches, Denny Robertson, and Brian Walsh gave reports on their experiences at CES.

Rick Diekman, president of **Controlled Thermal Processing**, gave an interesting presentation on cryogenic treatment, including audio equipment. A detailed report on his presentation will appear in the next newsletter and will be posted to our website soon.

We auditioned several items, both treated and untreated. Interconnects (home brew recipe using Nordost), power cords (homebrew), MSB Link DACs, and a couple of CDs were compared in a single blind manner (the audience wasn't told which was which). The treated interconnects and DAC were unanimously preferred, with lower noise, with a smoother, more open presentation (one person exclaimed the speakers disappeared when the treated interconnects were put in). The power cords were more of a toss up, and in fact the untreated cord was slightly preferred. One of the treated CDs was preferred, while with the other CD, the untreated one was preferred.

Next Month

March 17 - to be announced.

John Huff of Huff Loudspeakers plans to visit soon.

Industry News

Henry Kloss passed away.

Play Lists

These are posted on our website as well.

January 20, 2002 play list

Album Title "cut" / Artists / Label & No.

- Camille Saint Saens / Christmas Oratorio / Arion ARN 68059
- Planet of the Apes / Danny Elfman / Sony SK 89666
- The Road Home / Heart / Capitol D102967
- Call Me / Hans Theessink / Minor Music MM801022
- Ten New Songs "Boogie Street" / Leonard Cohen / Columbia CK85953
- Bartok Dance Suite / Antal Dorati, Philharmonia Hungaria / Mercury 35mm, recorded 1958
- The Vocal Series CD Sampler "Sunday Kind of Love" / Mary Stallings / MaxJazz MXJ001 maxjazz.com (800)875-8331
- Showcase Sampler, Strauss: Don Juan / Eiji Oue, Minnesota Orchestra / Reference Recordings

December 16, 2001 play list

Album Title "cut" / Artists / Label & No.

- Christmas / River City Brass Band and the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh / Epic EK 67775
- Merry Axemas: A Guitar Christmas / Steve Morse, Tuck Andress / Windham Hill Jazz 10135-2
- Carl Nielsen Sym. No. 4 Fourth Mvt. / Danish National Radio Sym. Orchestra / Dacap 8.224156
- William Schuman "Chester" / Jose Serebrier, Bournemouth Sym. / Naxos 8.559083
- Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming / Frederica von Stade / Sony SK 48235
- Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown "Christmastime is Here" / Vince Guaraldi Trio / Fantasy FCD-697-8431
- We Three Kings "Winter Wonderland" / The

- Roches / MCA MCAD-10020
- Smooth Yule (Blockbuster promo 1996, out of print) "Good King Wenceslas" / Laurence Juber Harmony - The Christmas Songs "Choral of the Bells" / The Nylons / Scotti Bros. 72392 75446-2
- Music of the Beatles / Erich Kunzel, Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, King's Singers / Telarc SACD-60540
- Mephisto & Co. "Mephisto Waltz" (Liszt) / Eiji Oue, Minnesota Orchestra / Reference Recordings RR-82CD
- The Essence "Love Walked In" / Billy Higgins, Ray Drummond, Hank Jones / DMP CD-480
- Celebrating the Music of Weather Report / Weather Report / Telarc SACD-63473
- Simple Gifts Live / Benjamin Loxom & Bill Crowfut / Omega
- ECM: Contre Contre, A 2001 Anthology "Raffish" / Ralph Towner et al. / ECM (Borders giveaway, out of print)
- Nina Simone Released / Nina Simone / BMG
- Ferde Grofe, Grand Canyon Suite / Wm. T. Stromberg, Bournemouth Sym. Orchestra / Naxos 8.559007
- Hourglass "Gaia" / James Taylor / Columbia

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