

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, March, 2006

Meeting Notice-Sunday, March 19th, 2:00PM-5:00PM

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

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!!NOTE!!

Thank you to the many who paid dues for the year at the recent meetings. For those who weren't there and plan to be at this month's meeting, please bring \$40 annual dues (no change after 11+ years). If you can't attend the meeting, please use our mailing address:

Chicago Audio Society
P.O. Box 7281
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

And we thank you for your support!

MARCH MEETING

This month's meeting-YOUR MUSIC and a MEMBER SUPPLIED SYSTEM introducing a new preamp: the Sonic Euphoria PLC. The music theme for this month's meeting is Desert Island Disks. Simply pick the 2 disks you would take to a desert island and select a favorite track. We will go through everyone's 1st disk, and go on to the 2nd disk time permitting. If you're so inclined, just a few words as to the Title, Artist, Track, why you chose it etc. would be helpful to all.

The system this month (a true team effort) consists of the following:

Sonic Euphoria PLC preamp (Jared Johnson) <http://www.soniceuphoria.com/>
Stan Warren Custom Chip Amp (Larry Musial)
Ohm Sound Cylinder Loudspeakers (Dennis Anderson)
Stan Warren modified JVC CD/DVD-Audio player (Gregg Straley)
Reality Cables speaker wire and interconnect (Gregg Straley) <http://www.realitycables.com/>
Velodyne Subwoofer (maybe) (Brian Richardson)

The Stan Warren products are made to order and may or may not be available at this time.

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

Our member Bill O'Connell of Morningstar Audio Imports (<http://www.morningstaraudio.com/>) brought his personal system for our listening pleasure. Bill followed his audiophile dream to start Morningstar a few years ago and distributes the Eastern Electric line of tube equipment (also see <http://www.amusicdirect.com/products/mfr.asp?manid=EASTERN>). We had the following setup:

Pair of Eastern Electric M520 integrated amplifiers (vertically bi-amped)
Eastern Electric MiniMax upgraded /modded version Preamplifier
Eastern Electric MiniMax phono Preamp
Well Tempered Reference turntable
Shelter 901 cartridge
BPT Signature Plus power conditioner
Eastern Electric Tube Cd player, HDCD (No SACD)
Tannoy Churchill speakers (Rosewood)
Tannoy Super Tweeters

We had a chance to hear some great vinyl (Dennis Anderson's playlist follows below) and also listened to some great disks (as opposed to discs?!). We got the setup in place and enjoyed a very musical afternoon. A big thank you to Bill for literally hauling his entire personal system, including a great fragile analog rig.

Our playlist as follows (perhaps partial, Dennis was trying to listen as he wrote!):

1. Norah Jones: Come Away With Me LP, Side 1, Track 3:"Cold Cold Heart"
Blue Note/Capitol Records JP 5004
2. Concerto Amsterdam/Jaap Schroeder, George Phillip Telemann:Tafelmusik I, Disc 1, Side 1, Track 1 "Overture In E Minor" Telefunken AWT 9449/50-A
3. Mark Knopfler: Shangri-La LP:Disc 1, Side 1, Track 2: "boom, like that"
Mercury Records 9867262
4. Pee Wee Russell: Portrait of Pee Wee CD: Track 1:"That Odd Feeling"
PJZ-611
- 5 & 6. Eva Cassidy: Songbird LP: Side 1, Tracks 1 & 2: ""Fields Of Gold" & "Wade In The Water" Digerdoo Records/Blix Street Records G1-10045 (LP)
7. Fairfield Four: Standing In The Safety Zone CD: Track 8:"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"
Warner Brothers 9 26945-2
- 8 & 9. Michael Hedges: Ariel Boundaries LP: Side 1, Track 1 & 3: "Ariel Boundaries" & "Rickover's Dream" Windham Hill Records WH-1032
10. National Philharmonic Orchestra: Light Classics, Vol 1 CD:Track :Grieg:"Norwegian Rustic March" from the Lyric Suite, Op. 54 Chesky Records CD-102
11. Thelonius Monk Quartet With John Coltrane At Carnegie Hall CD: Track 5:"Epistrophy"
Blue Note Records 0946 3 3517325
12. Flamenco Fever LP: Side 1, Track 1, "Alguien Canto" M & K Realtime Records RT-107 (Direct-To-Disc)
13. Monte Carlo Opera Orchestra/Aldo Ceccato/Michelle Campanella,piano Franz List: "Totentanz" Japanese Philips FH-6 (LP- Out of print)
14. Mississippi John Hurt (with Lucinda Williams on vocals) Avalon Blues: A Musical Tribute to Mississippi John Hurt CD: Track 3: "Angels Laid Him Away" Vanguard Records 79582
- 15 & 16. Larry McNeely with Geoff Levin & Jack Skinner:Confederation LP: Side 1, Track 5:"Big Fat Mama" & Track 1:"Liza Jane" Sheffield Labs Lab-9 (Direct-To-Disc)
17. CSO/Reiner Spain LP: Disc 1, Side 1, Track 1: Granados: "Goyescas: Intermezzo" Classic Records ALSC 2230-45Q (RCA Living Stereo LSC-2230 re-issue, 45 RPM LP)
18. Donald Fagen, Kamakiriad CD: Track 3:"Springtime" Reprise 9 45230-2

19. Roger Wagner Chorale, Encore LP: Side 2, Track 2: "Danny Boy" M & K Realtime Records RT-110 (Direct-To-Disc)
20. Lars Erstrand And Four Brothers, Test Record 3, Dynamics:Side 2, Track 1:"Four Brothers" Opus 3 Records 8300
21. Eric Bibb, Test Record 3, Dynamics:Side 2, Track 7:"He's Got The Whole World In His Hand" Opus 3 Records 8300
22. Bill Berry And His Ellington All-Stars, For Duke LP:Side 1, Track 1:"Take The "A" Train" M & K Realtime Records RT-101 (Direct-To-Disc)

Of particular note was the Mark Knopfler LP Shangri-La (Bill's LP), which was not known to many and captivated a number of us with both a great sound and a great performance. Thanks to Bill O'Connell for going all out and putting on a great meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

PLEASE NOTE! Don't miss out on these upcoming meetings! See you there!

APRIL - SPECIAL DATE: SUNDAY 4/30/06,2:00PM-5:00PM

SPECIAL OFFSITE LOCATION: Hilton Garden Inn O'Hare, 2930 South River Road, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018, phone 847-296-8900

Roger West of Sound Lab and Richard Schram of Parasound will show the 8'-8" tall Sound Lab Majestics and new Parasound Halo electronics. The meeting will be hosted by Brian Walsh of Essential Audio (<http://www.essentialaudio.com/>)

The following notice will be appearing in Stereophile:

Illinois - Roger West of Sound Lab and Richard Schram of Parasound will be present as their products are demonstrated during an open house at Essential Audio in Barrington on Saturday, April 29th. www.essentialaudio.com or (847) 382-8433 for information.

Roger West and Richard Schram will give presentations to the Chicago Audio Society including the premier demonstration of new products, including the Sound Lab Majestic speakers and Parasound Halo JC 2 Preamplifier. Sunday, April 30th from 2 to 5pm, <http://www.chicagoaudio.org/> or (847) 593-7790 for further information.

!!NOTE!! - This **will NOT** be at the Arlington Heights location!

MAY - Sunday, 5/21/06 Keith Herron of Herron Audio (<http://www.herronaudio.com/>) will be bringing the same system that impressed many at the Rocky Mountain Audio Fest. Every meeting we've had with Herron over the years has been great-be there!

MUSIC NOTE

Bill Sweet wants to make the group aware of his guitarist and friend Robert Baglione who will be appearing at Fitzgeralds:

APPEARING LIVE: ROBERT BAGLIONE, JAMES CAMMACK--POWER HOUSE PROJECT
HIGH VOLTAGE JAZZ

Carl Coan-Sax and Ewi
Tom Hipskind-Drums
Leandro Lopez Varady-Keys

FEATURING THE MUSIC FROM ROBERT'S NEW CD "POSITIVE CHARGE"

Friday, March 31, 2006
Fitzgerald's (Side Bar)

9:00 PM Start--Doors Open at 8:00 PM

6615 Roosevelt Road, Berwyn, IL

(708) 788-2118

Hosted by Barry Winograd-WXRT Jazz Transfusion 93.1

Available at <http://www.robertbaglione.com/>