

MEETING NOTICE - Sunday, April 18th, 2 PM - 5 PM

Arlington Heights Historical Society
Arlington Room, 110 W. Fremont
Arlington Heights, IL For directions go to:
<http://www.chicagoaudio.org/directions.htm>

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2010 Dues Reminder!

**Please bring \$40 annual dues to the meeting if you haven't done so yet.
Please see Reed Rehorst or Bill Sweet.
Thanks!**

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APRIL MEETING-LEGACY AUDIO

We are very pleased to welcome Legacy Audio and it's owner and founder Bill Dudleston this Sunday. Legacy Audio (www.legacyaudio.com) had relocated to Pennsylvania, but is now back in it's original location of Springfield, Illinois under it's founder Bill Dudleston.

They will be presenting their Whisper HD speaker system, a unique 10 driver, 4 way design that incorporates 4-15" open baffle woofers, ribbon drivers, and 95 db efficiency. We were privileged to have them demonstrate the first version of the Whisper for us over 10 years ago at the old Nordic Hills venue. Now we have the opportunity to hear the latest evolved version that has received much critical acclaim. There is also a new Whisper XD model that uses 500 watt ICE amplifiers for the bass.

For further information, do go to their website:

Whisper HD

http://www.legacyaudio.com/index.php?Itemid=300163&option=com_zoo&view=item&category_id=1&item_id=7

Whisper XD

http://www.legacyaudio.com/index.php?Itemid=300163&option=com_zoo&view=item&category_id=1&item_id=93

The following system will be demonstrated:

Legacy Whisper HD Speakers

Coda CSX Amplifier

Coda CL Preamplifier

Oppo BDP-83SE Blue Ray Player (plays all disc formats)

Do bring your favorite music in your disc format of choice. Be there!
Hope to see you all this Sunday!

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FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP-- ACOUSTIC TECHNOLOGIES

We welcomed David Lesht and David Maeshiba from Acoustic Technologies LLC (www.acoustictechnologiesllc.com) , a new loudspeaker company based right here in Chicago. They demonstrated the Classic Series loudspeaker which is a 3" single-driver speaker. The cabinet acts to reinforce the bass and the design results in wide dispersion. The speaker has generated positive response from reviewers which can be seen on their website. An interesting review can be seen at:

<http://stereotimes.com/CES2010Shaulis.shtml>

The system setup was identical to that recently used at Rocky Mountain Audio Fest and the CES and consisted of:

Pass Labs X1 Preamp
First Watt F3 Amplifier
Ayon CD-2 CD Player
Acoustic Technologies Classic speakers

It would be fair to say that everyone was taken aback by the quantity and quality of sound delivered by only 2-3inch drivers in our 1000+ square foot room. The designer, David Maeshiba, indicated the performance was in the patent pending cabinet design, rather than the drivers themselves. At one point one channel was successively rotated 90 degrees at a time and then both speakers were fired away from the listeners! It was surprising to say the least how well the image and tonality held up under this treatment.

Thanks to our guests for a great meeting of a most interesting local audio manufacturer.

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Upcoming Meetings-Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, May 16th-Bamberg Audio (www.bambergaudio.com) Illinois/Indiana based high end loudspeakers. Will also feature electronics from Modwright Audio (www.modwright.com)

Sunday, June 27th (note 4th Sunday in June)-Brian Richardson will do an in-depth presentation of Wagner's Ring Cycle. His previous presentation of Baroque music was outstanding-don't miss this one. A system front-end of Mac Mini, Sonic Solutions DAC, and Almarra software will be used.

Sunday, July 25th (note 4th Sunday in July)-Rick Berta's house. Rick has moved to a new place with a huge listening area (at least as large as our meeting room) to demonstrate his current tube and horn set-up (details forthcoming), and a tweaked Maplenoll airbearing turntable.

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