



# The Golden Ear

Newsletter of the *Chicago Audio Society*

May 2002

## Meeting Notice

*Sunday, May 19th, 2:00 pm*

**Gregg Straley**

**System Tweaks**

Checked your equipment power plugs for correct polarity? If not, you'll find out how to do so, and why it can be important. Gregg will also demonstrate some of his homebrew cabling and probably other tweaks that he finds to be effective. The system to be demonstrated will include Gregg's Audiomat amplifier, Brian Richardson's Aiwa-MSB CD playback combo (latest iteration from Stan Warren), and Dennis Galino's PMC FB1 speakers ([pmcloudspeaker.com](http://pmcloudspeaker.com)).

As always, bring some music to play

## Last Month

**Bruce Fetherling** and his partners including **Brian Urfer** at **Acoustic Dreams** demonstrated the **Lumenwhite** Whitelight loudspeakers, **VAIC Audio** tube electronics (52B monoblocks), gear from **dCS** (Verdi SACD/CD transport, Purcell 24/192 digital up-sampler, and Delius 24/192 D/A converter) and **Shunyata** (cabling and Hydra power conditioner), and an advanced equipment rack they make. Despite the known acoustical problems with the room, especially the floor, the quality of sound was very good and otherwise could have been outstanding. We've invited them for a return engagement, when they'll bring

some of their more affordable gear to demonstrate at the new venue.

## Next Month

June 23rd - **Michael Hobson** and **Coleman Brice** of **Classic Records**. Definitely not to be missed.

**Dr. Bruce Edgar** is tentatively scheduled to visit in September to demonstrate his big **Edgarhorn** Titan system and demonstrate his "parlor tricks" he talked about at the Midwest Audiofest in Lima, Ohio. The Chicago Horn/Bottleheads club will be attending as well.

## Shows

Classical Record Show

Information from [www.classicalcollector.com](http://www.classicalcollector.com):

Saturday, May 18 (this Saturday), 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Holiday Inn Northshore

5300 W. Touhy Ave., Skokie

\$2 Admission - Free Ample Parking

This is the 15th year for the Midwest Classical Record Show. Dealers from across the country will be displaying 1000s of collectible classical LPs, hard-to-find CDs, and reel-to-reel tapes. For further information about participating as a seller or buyer, contact Jerry Canter at 847-864-3981.

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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 (first meeting is free, otherwise \$5 fee or \$40 annual dues). CAS is a volunteer 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.

## Society Business

discussed it at last month's meeting, and by open voting it was approved by the membership.

The Arlington Heights Historical Society location will be our new meeting venue, starting in September. We

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