

## Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, May, 2006

### Meeting Notice-Sunday, May 21st, 2:00PM-5:00PM

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

For directions go to: <http://www.chicagoaudio.org/directions.htm>

#### MAY MEETING

For this meeting we are very pleased to have Keith Herron from Herron Audio (<http://www.herronaudio.com/>) for the third time over the years. Keith will discuss his latest products and the design philosophy that goes into them both from an engineering and listening point of view. His website details much information.

**PLEASE NOTE** that we will have **BOTH ANALOG AND DIGITAL** so be sure to bring along a favorite CD/SACD and LP. Joe Jurzec from Jam'n Audio (<http://www.jamnaudio.com/>), a local Herron dealer will also be on hand. This is another don't-miss meeting as anyone who has attended past Herron meetings can attest.

Keith Herron will be presenting a similiar system to the one demonstrated at the last Rocky Mountain Audio Fest consisting of the following:

Herron Audio VTSP-2 Vacuum Tube Line Stage Preamplifier

Herron Audio HL-1 Solid State Preamplifier

Herron Audio M1 Solid State Monaural Power Amplifiers (150 watts each at 8 ohms, 275 watts each at 4 ohms)

Herron Audio Interconnect Cables:

Herron Audio VTPH-2 Vacuum Tube Phono Stage (prototype)

Herron ESP-1 Speakers (latest prototype version)  
3-1/2 way, infinite baffle, phase coherent design

VPI Aries Turntable with JMW 12.5 arm

Herron Modified Phillips 727 and 963SA CD Players

DiMarzio Super M-Path Speaker Cables

Equipment Rack: Audiopoints Sistrum Equipment Stand

Look forward to seeing all of you there!

## APRIL MEETING RECAP

We were privileged to have both Roger West from Sound Labs (<http://www.soundlab-speakers.com/>) and Richard Schram from Parasound (<http://www.parasound.com/>) speak of their new products and audio philosophies. Both gave superb presentations, that were similar in the respect that both channeled their ambitions of being professional musicians and their love of music into creating the finest music reproduction equipment.

Much thanks to our member Brian Walsh of Essential Audio (<http://www.essentialaudio.com/>) for coordinating this meeting at a very nice large room at the Hilton Garden Inn in Des Plaines. This came about in large part due to the 8'-8" tall Sound Lab Majestic full range electrostatic speakers! Accompanying them were the new Parasound Halo electronics including the JC-2 preamplifier and D-3 universal disc player. A complete list of the system demonstrated can be found here: [http://www.essentialaudio.com/Demo\\_System\\_.pdf](http://www.essentialaudio.com/Demo_System_.pdf)

Despite a temporary setback caused by heavy amplifier clipping on a very dynamic track played at high level, the quality of the system could be heard. Our thanks to our guests Roger West and Richard Schram, and to Brian Walsh for coordinating a very impressive meeting. Anyone interested in hearing Sound Lab speakers again is invited to attend this Saturday's (5/20) open house from 1PM-5PM at Essential Audio.

## OPEN HOUSE

On Saturday, May 20th from 1pm to 5pm, Essential Audio will hold an open house. Ralph Karsten of Atma-Sphere will be present to answer questions as music is played on the Kuzma turntables as well as CDs. Please call Brian Walsh at 847-382-8433 for details.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

**JUNE** - Sunday, June 25th Electronics from Dodd Audio (<http://www.doddaudio.com/>) and more to come...

**PLEASE NOTE!** - We are skipping Father's Day and holding the meeting on the **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN JUNE.**

**JULY** - Sunday, July 16th Home meeting hosted by Lou Edelman in Mount Prospect. Audiophile ambience reproduction will be one of the main points at the meeting. More details to follow.