

Sorry for the delay with the newsletter as last-minute logistics had to be confirmed. This should be a great meeting with an opportunity to hear a system that was reviewed as best at the recent **New York Stereophile show** (see link below). **Hope to see you all this Sunday!**

**MEETING NOTICE - Sunday, May 20, 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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TO ALL WHO HAVE PAID DUES FOR THIS YEAR, THANK YOU!

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID (REDUCED TO \$30) 2012 DUES PLEASE BRING TO MEETING OR

DUES CAN BE MAILED (PAYABLE TO CHICAGO AUDIO SOCIETY) TO:

**BILL SWEET
500 HUNTINGTON COMMONS RD #447
MT PROSPECT, IL 60056**

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**MAY MEETING--TIM RYAN of SIMPLIFI
AUDIO (www.simplifiaudio.com) PRESENTING
GRADIENT HELSINKI LOUDSPEAKERS with
GRADIENT DIPOLE SUBWOOFERS AND
CROSSOVER, AS WELL AS BLADELIUS
ELECTRONICS, HARBETH P-3 SPEAKERS AND (IF
AVAILABLE) the NEW dSPEAKER 2.0 ANTI-MODE
AUDIO PROCESSOR**

We welcome Tim Ryan, the U.S. distributor for Gradient Loudspeakers, dSpeaker, DNM, and other European lines to the May meeting. The system is the same one that was recently demoed at the recent New

York Stereophile Show and the Munich Audio Show. Tim will discuss the constant directivity concept of Gradient speakers of greatly reducing the effects of room wall, floor, and ceiling interactions in the design of the speakers. The Harbeth P-3 speakers (a small mini-monitor) are on hand to demonstrate the capabilities of adding the dipole stereo bass to other speaker systems. There will be computer audio as well as a Media Processor from Bladelius so be sure to bring along your favorite music on CD.

Here is the review of the system at the recent New York Stereophile Show:

<http://hometheaterreview.com/the-10-best-sounding-rooms-from-the-new-york-audiophile-show-2012/>

More details on the Gradient Helsinki can be found here:

http://www.simplifiaudio.com/speakers/gradient_index.html

A description from Tim will provide the details:

I will be showing essentially everything in the photo on the right except the Revolution Active Speakers on the left of this photo.



(The Gradient Helsinki is white speaker.)

THE FOCUS OF MY PRESENTATION WILL BE - SMARTBass / CONTROLLED DIRECTIVITY SPEAKERS

I will present two Stereo Speaker Systems with their BASS below 200 Hz handed off to a pair of Gradient SW_S Dipole bass modules via Gradients HE-XO....

Total System cost of the Harbeth Systems including cabling - under \$ 20,000 and the Gradient Helsinki System under \$ 24,000.

If the DSPeaker Dual Core Room Correction / DAC / Pre-amp arrives from San Diego, I may include this also.

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DIGITAL FRONT END - TOTAL \$ 824

MAC Book Pro with Pure Music - \$ 129
Bladelius USB DAC - \$ 695

CABLING AND AMPLIFICATION - ca. \$ 10,000 TOTAL

All interconnects and Speaker Cables - by DNM - \$ 15 per foot pair !!

BLADELIUS ASK power amplifier - \$ 4,000 x 2 = \$ 8,000

SMARTBass System 1 SPEAKER SYSTEM - GRADIENT HELSINKI + SW_S - TOTAL \$ 12,985

Gradeint Helsinki 1.5 - \$ 5995
Gradient HE_XO - \$ 3495
Gradient SW_S - \$ 3495

SMARTBass System 2 SPEAKER SYSTEM - Harbeth P3 + + SW_S - TOTAL \$ 9,080

Harbeth P3 - ca. \$ 2100
Gradient HE_XO - \$ 3495
Gradient SW_S - \$ 3495

See you all Sunday for what should be a very interesting meeting you won't want to miss.