

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, August, 2006

Meeting Notice-Sunday, August 20th, 2:00PM-5:00PM

AUGUST MEETING

!! NOTE !! MEETING IS AT JARED JOHNSON'S HOUSE

Jared has a dedicated listening room, a large classical CD collection, and the following equipment:

Shahinian Obelish speakers

Sonic Euphoria Preamp

Odyssey Stratus Amp

MSB Link DAC III

Monarchy Dip

Aiwa CD-37 (used as transport)

Reality Cables-Speaker Cables and Interconnects

Nordost Shiva Power Cords

Marantz Tuner

Additionally, all equipment and cables in the system have been cryo frozen. The Shahinian speakers have an omnidirectional radiation pattern and have been in production under the same ownership since the 70's, which is a very elite group. Among high-end speakers only Magnepan comes immediately to mind (please don't mention Bose!). Jared also has a high-quality roof antenna and you may have the opportunity to hear WFMT reproduced at a very high level. Hope to see you all there!

JULY MEETING RECAP

Lou Edelman opened up his home to us for a very interesting discussion and listening session featuring Lou's hand-built and hand tweaked speakers consisting of a quasi-omni mix of JBL and KEF drivers. Also featured was Lou's Hafler-type surround that was incorporated throughout with great effect on a variety of CD, SACD, and vinyl selections.

Lou discussed how he built the speakers and tuned them by ear over a number of years. Lou really did his homework (literally) and had a great handout showing everyone exactly how to implement this surround without any processor on a variety of system configurations. The system consisted of the following:

Main Speakers: Modified JBL Professional drivers in horn cabinets

Center Channel: Fostex/JBL Hybrid

Rear Channels: Helix Coaxial Drivers

Amps: All Bryston, 2 Bryston 2B's, 1 Bryston 3B, 1 Powerpack 120

Preamp/Tuner: McIntosh MX130

Subwoofer: Custom ported cabinet using 2 15" Gauss drivers

Digital Sources: Modified Denon DVD-2900, Proceed PDP-3 DAC, Goldmund digital cable

Analog Source: Linn Sondek LP-12/ Linn Ittok arm / Shure V-15 V cartridge

Lou somehow had seating for about 25 people (were you in row 1, 2, or 3?) and nearly everyone stayed around until the end. The effect varied depending on listening position and source material, but it certainly captured our attention favorably on a wide variety of CD, SACD, and vinyl. Our thanks to Lou for a very entertaining, enjoyable, and educational get together.

FUTURE MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 24TH (NOTE-4TH SUNDAY!) - David Penrod from Martin Logan will be on hand to demo at least one (possibly two) of their current top end electrostatic speakers. Mark your calendar!