

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, September, 2006

Meeting Notice-Sunday, September 24th, 2:00PM-5:00PM

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

For directions go to:

<http://www.chicagoaudio.org/directions.htm>

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our scheduled guest, Martin Logan, had a last-minute emergency. They were sorry and have committed to reschedule with us.

One of our planned upcoming guests, Steve Sammet of SAS Audio Labs (www.sasaudiolabs.com) agreed to host our September meeting on very short notice, along with a friend Marcus Martin, known to AudioCircle readers, who is supplying additional equipment. Our thanks to both Steve and Marcus for arranging a very elaborate presentation (at their request) on very short notice. Steve Sammet of SAS Audio Labs hosted our July 2003 meeting and we're glad to have him back.

Steve and Marcus will be assembling 2 complete systems for our listening pleasure! In particular, Steve will be demoing his 10A Tube Preamplifier and his brand new 11A Tube Preamplifier. The 10A has been reviewed extensively and favorably over time by Bound For Sound and information on the reviews can be found on the SAS Audio Labs website.

The following equipment making up two systems (except one cd source) will be on hand:

Preamps:

SAS Audio Labs 10A Line Preamp
SAS Audio Labs 11A Line Preamp

Amplifiers:

SAS Audio Labs 25W PP Tube Amplifiers
Dussun V8i Integrated Class A Amplifier (250W x 2)
<http://www.aaa-audio.com/index-products-dussun.htm>)
Odyssey Khartago Mono-block Amplifiers
<http://www.odysseyaudio.com>

Loudspeakers:

Selah Audio Phast Jr Loudspeakers <http://www.selahaudio.com>
Magnepan MG-1.6QR Loudspeakers with Mye Stands
System Audio 1270 Loudspeakers with capacitorless crossover mod (tentative)

Digital:

Tube Research Labs Modified Sony DVP-NS900V CD Player

Cables:

Jena Labs interconnects, speaker cables, and power cords custom from SAS Audio Labs
SilverFi Audio interconnects and speaker cables
BlackSand power cables

Stands, Conditioners, Isolation:

Adona Platforms
Acoustic Dreams Dead Balls
Boston Audio Design Tune Blocks (all 3 versions)
Sound Application XE-12 Power Conditioner
Jena Labs Basic One Power Filter
Jena Labs 3.1 Power Conditioner (tentative)

This is quite a list! In particular the Dussun V8i has been getting a lot of recent attention on the internet with an August review from Bound For Sound just out. After all, a 90 lb Class A integrated amp rated at 250w/ch for \$1600 would get plenty of attention. The Selah speakers are a new model now currently shown on their website. Many members have wanted to have Magnepan at a meeting. We don't have the company here yet, but the MG-1.6QR has been their most popular current speaker for a number of years now. This is the same speaker and stands that many of you who have been at Brian Richardson's meetings have heard. Thanks to Marcus for bringing these. Bring along your favorite CD's for a great opportunity to see and hear some of the latest equipment. See you there!

AUGUST MEETING RECAP

Our member Jared Johnson (along with his cat Oscar) hosted the August meeting featuring a dedicated listening room and a large **HIGHLY** organized classical CD collection (Jared's organization as an ex-Postmaster puts almost all audiophiles to shame!). The following equipment was on hand:

Shahinian Obelisk speakers
Sonic Euphoria Preamp
Odyssey Stratos Amp
MSB Link DAC III
Monarch DIP
Aiwa CD-37 (used as transport)
Reality Cables interconnects and speaker cables
Nordost Shiva Power Cords
Marantz Tuner (recent vintage-solid state)

With this setup, the potential of the omnidirectional Shahinian speakers is realized. Besides Jared's classical favorites, a wide variety of music was brought along. Also, with the FM roof antenna those who stuck around to hear WFMT had a chance to hear why FM is a potentially great sound source even as technology continues to make its ultimate future uncertain. In particular, one of Jared's favorites, the soundtrack from Master and Commander never fails to impress. Our thanks to Jared (and Oscar) for a very enjoyable meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Upcoming future guests will include Classic Records, Venus HiFi, and Martin Logan.