

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, December, 2006

Meeting Notice-Sunday, December 10th, 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>

DECEMBER MEETING-CLASSIC RECORDS/MICHAEL HOBSON & SCOT MARKWELL

We are very pleased to have Classic Records (www.classicrecords.com) back again. Michael Hobson wowed us last time (June 2002) with a detailed presentation showing off the nuances of great recordings as well as differences in mastering, vinyl, as well as recording and production techniques. Both vinyl and digital will be featured. Classic records now produces both 24/96 DADs and 24/192 HDAD DVDs for the latest generation of DVD players. Of course, the Quiex SV-P 200g vinyl lps will also be featured. Brian Walsh of Essential Audio (www.essentialaudio.com) will be providing the Kuzma turntable and tonearm. The following system will be featured:

Muse Polyhymnia multi-format player
Sunfire processor
Kuzma Stabi turntable
Kuzma Stogi tonearm
Plinius Koru phono preamp
2 Plinius P8 amplifiers
Nola Viper Reference loudspeakers
Nola LCR Reference loudspeakers

With this setup we will be able to hear both 2-channel and 3-channel recordings. You don't want to miss this one! See you this Sunday.

We will have some extra refreshments on hand in the Holiday spirit. Any cookies, goodies, etc. you might choose to bring will be appreciated-and consumed!

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

NOVEMBER MEETING-BRIAN BOWDLE/VENUS HIFI

The November meeting was hosted by Brian Bowdle from Venus Hifi (www.venushifi.com). Venus Hifi and Brian hosted our December 2002 meeting and we were very happy to have him back.

Brian demonstrated the following system:

Almarro M3A Loudspeakers (www.almarro.com)

Almarro A318B Integrated SET Amplifier (www.almarro.com)

Lektor CDP-7T Mk II Tube CD Player (<http://www.docet-lector.com/>)

Soundstring Interconnects, Speaker Wires, and Power Cords

[\(http://www.soundstringcable.com/\)](http://www.soundstringcable.com/)

Blue Circle Audio Music Bar (<http://www.bluecircle.com/>)

Despite the 18w/channel power rating the Almarro amplifier with the Almarro speakers produced very nice sound, in a space far larger than normally used for these speakers and amps. Brian presented interesting background information about Almarro in that the founder in Japan, already quite wealthy through non-audio manufacturing operations, decided to utilize his facilities to build everything from the ground up at reasonable prices. Almarro is one of the very few companies that actually manufactures the entire amplifier including the transformers and the entire speaker including the drivers. The Lektor tube CD player was a well crafted unit that worked very well with the system. Our thanks to Brian Bowdle for a very enjoyable presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENT (just in advance of the Sunday,December 10th Meeting)

Analog expert Scot Markwell of Elite AV Distribution and TheMusic.com will be at Essential Audio in Barrington (www.essentialaudio.com) on Saturday, December 9 from 1 to 5pm to talk about analog playback and demonstrate Kuzma turntables! Please call 847-382-8433-space is limited.

HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER

Attention all Chicagoland audiophiles: This year as in past years, I will be sponsoring another home-to-home listening session on December 30th (Saturday) @ 10:00 a.m. starting time. This year will bring some new changes to the routine. For vinyl fans, my system will finely be hooked up to some great sounding Roy Hall's analog, like their top of the line MMF-9 turntable, and tube preamp. So, bring your LP's along. We will also have the privilege of listening to music DVD'S on a complete Definitive Technology ® surround-sound system in high-definition, so bring DVD's, too. I'm also looking for two other systems that we can listen to on the same day. So please, I know you're out there, you show up at the meetings, don't you? Therefore, let's hear your systems, okay. Don't be so parsimonious and keep all that good sound to yourself, let the rest of us in on it. You can contact me for instructions on how to get to my house at:

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FUTURE MEETINGS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st, 2007 - We kick off 2007 in a big way with David Penrod from Martin Logan (<http://www.martinlogan.com>) presenting their new top of the line Summit model.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th - Paul Hilgeman from Nomad Audio, a new Chicago area company (www.nomad-audio.com) will demonstrate both the active and passive versions of his new loudspeaker (made with bamboo) as well as their new Class D amplifiers.