

Chicago Audio Society Newsletter, December, 2007

Meeting Notice-Sunday, December 16th, 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

At the beginning of the meeting, Reed Rehorst may have a quick Powerpoint projection presentation highlighting the recent 2007 Rocky Mountain Audio Fest.

Our December holiday meeting will feature equipment designed by Larry Hepinstall of Ogre Systems from Batavia, IL supplied by our member Larry Musial. We will have an Ogre Systems preamp and CD player with battery power supplies. Larry Hepinstall will be on hand to discuss his design philosophy and answer questions. We plan to have:

Ogre Systems single input preamp with battery option power supply
Ogre Systems modded Marantz CD-67SE CD player with AC supply
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Stan Warrens latest generation chip amp based on the LM4780 chip, with current dumper and snubber circuits
Reality Cables (Gregg Straley) interconnects and speaker cables
Marigo CD mat
Marigo power cables
Audio Physic Tempo III Loudspeakers (thanks to Gregg Straley)
Panamax surge protector

Please bring your favorite music finds for 2007, as well as interesting holiday music-all genres welcome! As usual we plan to have extra refreshments on hand in the spirit of the holidays. Any extra refreshments you may want to bring are welcome. See you there!

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

Ken Christianson and John Schwarz from Pro Musica (www.promusicaaudio.com) together with Chris West from Naim Audio (www.naim-audio.com) demonstrated the new Naim Supernait Reference Integrated Amplifier/DAC together with the new Quad 2805 Electrostatic Loudspeaker (<http://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/index.php>). We heard how the Supernait integrates with various analog and digital sources (including a computer). Ken Christianson discussed various Naim recording projects, his approach to doing the all-live Naim recordings and brought along his famous Nagra tape machine and some master tapes. The excellent pure sound we heard from the Quad/Naim system led to a number of Naim CD titles they brought along being sold out at the meeting. Our thanks to Ken, John, and Chris for a great listening experience and an educational meeting on music, recording, and components.

HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER

This year as in past years, I will be sponsoring another home-to-home listening session on December 29th, (Saturday) @ 10:00 a.m. starting time. For vinyl fans, my system will be hooked up to some great sounding Marantz analog, like their TT-15 turntable and a Pro-Ject tube preamp. So, bring your LP's along. I'm also looking for another volunteer to show their system. 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:
Kevin Novak