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Welcome

Listening to music is one of life's great pleasures and the very best hi-fi equipment aspires to make that experience as real and compelling as possible. The Hi-Fi Show *Live* 2017, the UK's largest speciality high-end audio event, is organised by the expert team behind *Hi-Fi News & Record Review* magazine and aims to combine as many of these experiences together under one roof. The world's finest separates are on demonstration at The Hi-Fi Show *Live* 2017, so whether you prefer your music streamed from a server or spun from a vinyl LP, we aim to tempt every enthusiast with the cream of all product genres.

In between the exclusive listening sessions, interactive workshops and special guest presentations, don't forget to walk across to the Sandringham building where the music plays all day and the party lasts even longer... Meanwhile, the venue's new flagship 1705 Restaurant & Bar will be open for you to take a break and compare notes with fellow enthusiasts, including *Hi-Fi News* contributors!

Paul Miller – Hi-Fi Show Live 2017 Organiser







EXHIBITORS Windsor Suites

Windsor 1

UK EXCLUSIVE Bowers & Wilkins

In the expansive *Windsor* **1** Suite, **Bowers & Wilkins** will be focusing on the UK debut of its exciting new **700 Series** loudspeakers, with demonstrations of the flagship **702 S2** floorstander. The **700 Series 2** evolves the design ethos of the **CM Series** it replaces, and offers a significant improvement in performance thanks to the inclusion of technologies first developed for the reference **800 Series Diamond** range, used here in combination with new, bespoke acoustic innovations.

Technologies that have 'trickled down' from the **800 Series Diamond** include the revolutionary **Continuum** midrange driver, which uses the cleanest and most transparent midrange cone material **Bowers &** Wilkins has ever produced. The idealised properties of the **Continuum** material – now featured on every model in the new **700 Series** range – ensures that musical details are uncovered that would be lost to conventional midrange drivers.

The new **700 Series** also benefits from a bespoke version of the **Aerofoil** profile bass driver plus, on the two flagship models, improved tweeter-on-top housings now crafted from solid billets of alloy.

Designed specifically for the **700 Series**, a new **Carbon Dome** treble unit delivers sweeter, cleaner high frequency performance and boasts a more extended bandwidth than the previous generation of Aluminium Double Dome tweeters. The **Carbon Dome** takes its place as the best-performing 'non-Diamond' tweeter that **Bowers & Wilkins** has ever produced.

The combination of outstanding technologies, advanced computer modelling and extensive tuning by the sharpest engineers in the business, results in the best-performing speakers in their class. The new **700 Series** will

share its debut with the first chance to hear the new **15 Series** of affordable high-end components from **Rotel**.

Windsor 2 UK EXCLUSIVE Sound

Fowndations

In 2016 **Sound Fowndations** showcased a cost-no-object flagship system bringing together some of hi-fi's finest innovators. This year, **Windsor 2** will again feature those same superb brands but this time with a focus on how trickle-down technology can deliver similarly exciting products at a more accessible price.

DS Audio's new DS 002 optical phono cartridge draws on advances from the brand's flagship Master 1, yet offers a more affordable entry into this cutting-edge technology. Clearaudio's excellent Innovation turntable and Universal tonearm will be expertly driven by amps from GamuT Audio, including the D3i dual mono preamp and **M250i** mono power amps. Thanks to the **D3i**'s new optional plug-in tape head preamplifier, **Windsor 2** will be revelling in the unbeatable sound of open-reel tape with

a choice of master-quality recordings from **Open Reel Records**, **The Tape Project**, **ABC Records**, **Horch**

House and more. **Gamut**'s stunningly dynamic **RS7i** floorstanders will be more than a match for the tapes' incredible organic detail.

For music lovers with an appetite for superior sound but a smaller space in which to enjoy it, a second system will demonstrate the intelligent solution of **Larsen** loudspeakers. Plus power conditioning from IsoTek's Genesis One, Titan One and new EVO3 Ascension ultra high-end power cable; equipment support from Blue Horizon's Pro Rack system; and a selection of Furutech accessories: DeMag-Alpha, SK Filter, DeStat-3, Nanoflux cables and NCF Booster.

Clearaudio's Stefan Kmuch, **GamuT**'s Benno Baun Meldgaard and **IsoTek**'s Björn Hegelstad will be on hand to chat and answer questions.



EXHIBITORS Windsor Suites

Windsor 3 UK EXCLUSIVE

Symmetry

Symmetry is the sole UK distributor for **Ayre**, **Brinkmann**, **HRS**, **Kiseki**, **Lyra**, **Stax**, **Sumiko** and **Trilogy** and will be demonstrating a number of components from this portfolio of high-end brands at the Show.

From **Brinkmann** comes the new **Nyquist** – a fully modular, **MQA**compatible DAC that features a range of inputs. It can be used as streamer, working with **Tidal** and **Roon**, and it also incorporates a vacuum tube filter stage with balanced outputs.



Vinyl replay will be courtesy of the skeletal **Brinkmann Spyder** turntable with its offboard motor. It's capable of supporting up to three tonearms, and will fitted here with a selection of **Kiseki** and **Lyra** MC cartridges.

Symmetry will also launch **Harmonic Resolution Systems** at the show. **HRS** is the industry leader in broadband isolation and vibration control and a wide range of its equipment supports and matching accessories will be displayed for the first time in the UK.

Trilogy will unveil its new 915R vacuum tube preamplifier and partnering 995R 'Hybrid Pure Class A' monoblock power amplifiers, served by the new 913R twin chassis phono

> preamplifier. These new designs have been in development for over two years and **The Hi-Fi Show** *Live* represents their public debut.



And the magic doesn't stop there as, once again, Mike Valentine of Chasing The Dragon (the world's leading producer of direct cut albums) joins Symmetry in Windsor 3. This year, Mike will take the audience behind the scenes of creating **Espana**, which celebrates music by Bizet, Chabrier and Rimsky-Korsakov, performed by The National Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Debbie Wiseman. Mike will also be discussing the new range of **Chasing** The Dragon's binaural recordings and demonstrating the **Copy Master** Tapes, which will be released at the show. There will be two free lectures a day with tickets available in the room.

Windsor 4 UK EXCLUSIVE Absolute Sounds Ltd

Absolute Sounds' furthest room is an open, non-ticketed space – a place to drop by and relax among the latest creations from some of the audio world's most distinguished brands, including Audio Research, Copland, Crystal Cable, EAT, Krell, MartinLogan, PrimaLuna and Sonus faber. New product highlights include EAT's entry-level turntable, the B-Sharp, and E-Glo S phono stage, and Copland's forthcoming integrated valve amplifiers, the **406** and **408**, shown here in pre-production form for the first time in the UK.

Rolling demonstrations include the latest hybrid electrostatic speakers from **MartinLogan**'s Masterpiece Series, with their spellbinding transient speed and gloriously open soundstage. This room also offers an opportunity to see and hear **Sonus faber**'s gorgeous **Homage Tradition** loudspeaker collection (including the flagship **Amati Tradition** reviewed in *HFN* Oct '17) – the perfect fusion of traditional Italian craftsmanship and modern loudspeaker design.

Naturally, **Absolute** Sounds' crack squad of high-end audio experts, including Mattia Donnola of Sonus faber, will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice.



Windsor 5 UK EXCLUSIVE Absolute Sounds Ltd

Whether you're a lover of valve amps or you prefer solid-state designs, **Absolute Sounds**' second room offers the best of both from two giants of the high-end audio scene. Valves are represented by **Audio Research**'s latest Reference components, including the magnificent **Reference**

10 preamp, while solidstate amplification of the highest calibre is supplied by **Dan D'Agostino**'s

prodigious Progression series.

An incredible performance is guaranteed, especially as these amps are driving the latest masterpiece from **Wilson Audio**, which enjoys its UK debut at the show. The **Alexia Series 2** is a stunning loudspeaker, sporting proprietary materials and technologies trickled down from the awesome **Alexx** and long-anticipated **WAMM Master Chronosonic**.

When it comes to the source, there's no greater refinement of digital audio than that offered by British brand dCS, whose Vivaldi One can lay claim to being the finest single-box digital audio player in the world. This accompanies the American trinity



of **Audio Research**, **D'Agostino** and **Wilson** in this room's timed demonstrations, alongside other pioneering products from the Cambridge-based **dCS** range.

Renowned recording engineer and Wilson Audio ambassador Peter McGrath returns to the UK to conduct proceedings, alongside other brand representatives including Raveen Bawa from dCS. Tickets are available from the desk outside the entrance to the Windsor Lounge, free of charge, at the time of your choosing.

Windsor Lounge

Absolute Sounds Ltd

Don't miss this special opportunity to hear one of the finest CD playback systems money can buy: the extraordinary new **Kalista DreamPlay CD transport** and **Kalista DAC** by **Métronome Technologie** [featured

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on the front cover of **HFN** Nov '17]. Vinyl fans are also in for a treat, as a turntable *tour de force* from **TechDAS** is teamed with the peerless **SAT** tonearm – two awesome feats of precision engineering, guaranteed to extract every last drop of musical detail from a record's grooves.

Amplification is provided by the high-end dream team at **Constellation Audio**, including the **Pictor** preamp and

Taurus power amp from the newly launched Revelation Series. These amps deliver extraordinary sonic clarity, so it's just as well that they're driving one of the crispest, cleanest, most revealing loudspeakers on the planet – Magico's splendid new S3 MkII, demonstrated in the UK for the first time.



Constellation's Irv Gross and **Magico**'s Peter Mackay are set to fly in from the US to conduct timed demonstrations, alongside **Métronome**'s **Jean-Marie Clauzel** who's travelling to the show from France. Obtain free tickets for these demonstrations from the desk outside the **Windsor Lounge**.

LivingTechnology Lancaster Suite 4

Recently lauded by Hi Fi News as a 'brilliant do-it-all high-end design' Mola-Mola Makua pre and Kaluga power amplifiers celebrate the genius of Bruno Putzeys, the wunderkind of Class D technology. Together they create the conditions for optimal reproduction, having extremely low distortion, ultra-wide frequency response and exceptional dynamic drive - the perfect audio chemistry for Vivid's astonishingly transparent Giya

G3 speakers.



Living Technology

Supporting the main system and enjoying their UK show premieres are GPS Audio, a new turntable brand engineered in Germany, and Accusound's range of audiophile cables designed and made in the USA.

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EXHIBITORS White House

Dining Room

UK EXCLUSIVE

KEF, Chord Electronics and The Chord Company

KEF will be attending this year's Hi-Fi Show Live with yet another mighty British-built system on showcase in the spacious White House Dining Room. Partnering with both Chord Electronics and The Chord Company the system will be based around the authoritative three-way KEF Reference 5 floorstanding speaker, recipient of an 'Outstanding' Hi-Fi News award. The flagship KEF Reference model. the result of over 40 years of continuous development, will be paired with the Chord Blu MKII CD Transport; DAVE, Chord's most advanced DAC: the CPA 5000 eight input Reference preamplifier and the 480W SPM 1400 MKII Signature power amplifier. The latter features a bespoke switchmode power supply and custom MOSFETs in its output stage.



All these luxurious components will be connected with the latest incarnation of interconnects and loudspeaker cables from The Chord Company's awardwinning Sarum T Range. These cables all feature Taylon - the company's exclusive insulation material that boasts superior dielectric (and sonic) properties. With all models in this demonstration room designed and hand-built in the UK, this system really will be one of the finest

be one of the finest 'Best of British' audio systems available.

Barramundi

UK EXCLUSIVE KEF, Chord Electronics and The Chord Company

If you're looking for a more compact system, **KEF** will also be showcasing the highly-rated, **EISA** Award-winning **LS50 Wireless** active music system in the adjoining **Barramundi Suite**. Take your opportunity to hear this complete, high resolution streaming system with the addition of active power and wireless connectivity for convenient, audiophilequality hi-fi at the touch of a button. Retaining the same award-winning acoustic design of the **KEF** LS50, the LS50 Wireless pushes the boundaries of sound to the next level with audiophile grade amplification, sound processing, extensive connectivity and, of course, the innovative **Uni-Q** technology for faultless three-dimensional imaging

wherever you sit. Along with Chord Electronics' Poly wireless streaming module paired with the awardwinning Mojo DAC, Chord will also

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be demonstrating its newly-released **Hugo 2**, a powerful portable DAC. Both solutions will be hooked into the active **KEF LS50 Wireless** system.

Don't miss the chance to experience the sound of true high resolution audio streaming from some of the UK's finest experts in the art and science of highend home hi-fi.

EXHIBITORS White House

Griffith/ Roxburghe UK EXCLUSIVE OPPO Digital Europe

Returning to **Hi-Fi Show Live** for its fifth consecutive year **OPPO Digital Europe** will be showcasing its range of award-winning **UDP universal Blu-ray** and audiophile disc players. The critically acclaimed range accommodates a host of compatible formats, including **4K Ultra HD Blu-ray**, **Blu-ray** and **Blu-ray 3D**, legacy **DVD-Video** and **DVD-Audio** alongside **SACD** and standard Red Book **CD**. **HDR10** image processing is also in-built with an upgrade to **Dolby Vision** via a free firmware update.



The audio performance of the OPPO UDP-205, an 'Outstanding' *Hi-Fi News* review award-winner, represents a significant upgrade over the UDP-203 and its previous generation players. The UDP-205 provides reference level sound quality through its (balanced) stereo and multichannel analogue outputs, improves the clock precision of the HDMI audio output, and increases



the power of the built-in headphone amplifier. For the analogue output stages, the **UDP-205** utilises two **ES9038PRO** DACs, which are the flagship of the **ESS Sabre Pro** series, delivering best-in-class audio performance. In addition to its playback capabilities, the **UDP-205** adds a USB DAC, a coaxial and an optical digital audio input so users can take advantage of the excellent

audio performance of the UDP-205 with other sources. Also on display is the award-winning range of OPPO PM-1, PM-2 and PM-3 Planar Magnetic headphones. OPPO has also gone

to considerable pains to improve the efficiency of the planar magnetic drive system within its trio of advanced headphones.

For example, **PM-1**'s sevenlayer, thin, light diaphragm carries flat aluminium conductors not just on one side but both, and these are formed into a spiral pattern to provide the most evenly spread driving force.

ODD

Apart from weight saving the principal result is a quantum leap in sensitivity.

Also available for hands-on testing will be the HA-1 and HA-2 SE headphone amplifiers and accessories. Anyone looking for a headphone amplifier able to drive the least sensitive cans on the market, will find little to beat **Oppo**'s **HA-1** as this

heavyweight and very flexible performer racked up a full 8.5W/25ohm power output in **Hi-Fi News**'

independent tests. Its blend of performance, very generous features (including a 4.3in fluorescent display) and superlative build ensure this is still the headphone amp to beat!



Remenham

UK EXCLUSIVE SME, Nagra, Plinius and YG Acoustics

Padood will be thrilling visitors this year with two amazing systems that celebrate the very best in vinyl replay and high-end audio.

System one features the worldrenowned **SME 30/12** turntable fitted with **SME's Series V** tonearm and new **Harmony** MC cartridge from **Shelter**. Feeding a **Boulder 1008** phono stage,



this reference-class vinyl front-end is controlled by the amazing new **Nagra HD Preamp**, which drives a pair of **Nagra HD Amps**, powering the new **YG Acoustics Junior XV** speakers in bi-amp mode. Wired using **Kubala Sosna** cables, this system will delight thanks to its effortless ability to reveal musical scale and dynamics.

System two will also feature an SME turntable/tonearm combination, this time the Model 15 fitted with a Series V tonearm and the brand new Shelter EMT S75 MC cartridge. Driving the astounding YG Acoustics Carmel 2 loudspeakers will be the Plinius Koru phono preamp together with new amplification from Plinius, Boulder and Bel Canto.

But it's not just about vinyl, as fans of digital audio are also in for a treat. System one features the incredible new **HD DAC** from **Nagra**, while system two will feature the **Weiss Medus DAC**.



In addition to these not-to-bemissed demonstrations, we are delighted to be joined by senior brand representatives who will discuss their products and answer any questions. Also at the show, we are thrilled to announce that **David Walstra** of **Sonoma** will be launching the company's brand new **M1 electrostatic** headphones.

With rolling demos throughout the show weekend, both systems can be experienced in a relaxing environment, while additional products from all brands will be on display. Featuring the very best of analogue and digital audio, this high-end musical experience is not to be missed.

Morley

UK EXCLUSIVE

Esoteric, Nordost and Atacama

Esoteric, **Nordost**, and **Atacama** are joining forces once again in the **Morley Suite** (now with a breakout annexe) to demonstrate the latest products from each company, with speakers supplied by Northamptonshire-based **ProAc**.

At the heart of the system will be a series of favoured models from **Esoteric**, the audiophile brand from

the makers of **TEAC** and **Tascam**. These products, precision-made and handbuilt in Japan, are coveted by enthusiasts worldwide, and **The Hi-Fi Show Live** lineup could win the brand even more fans, comprising as it does the **N-05 network player**, the **K-01X SACD/CD player/DAC**, the **C-02X preamp** and the **S-02 power amp**.

The network player can handle both locally-stored music libraries and streaming services including **Tidal**, and is compatible with file formats up to DSD 11.2MHz and 384kHz/32-bit LPCM. It has an asynchronous USB input for direct connection to a PC/ Mac, and can be controlled

using a smartphone app. Meanwhile, the **S-02 power amp** delivers a hefty 290W/4ohm, rising to a maximum of double that, and uses a custom transformer as part of its generous power supply.



The **Hi-Fi Show Live** will also showcase **Nordost**'s new range of **QKore** parallel grounding devices. Without an effective ground point, the entire foundation of your system is jeopardised, but neither is it practical for enthusiasts to run a thick conductor from their hi-fi to a ground rod buried deep in their garden.

Come and visit **Nordost** in the **Morley Suite** and hear why the **QKore** can help you finally unlock the potential of the audio components that you've already invested in. The system will be supported by **Atacama's** award-winning **Evoque-SE Natural Bamboo** furniture.



Studio sound comes home

Born out of our award-winning CM Series, the new 700 Series are the best loudspeakers we've ever made in their class. Borrowing features from the 800 Series Diamond, the series introduces groundbreaking studio-quality technologies to raise the bar for home audio performance. And all in a range of speakers designed to fit beautifully into the home environment. **The new 700 Series**

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EXHIBITORS White House

Ashbrook UK EXCLUSIVE Metaxas and Sins

For over 40 years, designer and recording engineer **Kostas Metaxas** has proved a positive 'disrupter', subverting what is or isn't possible in the aesthetic and state-of-the-art in amplifier and loudspeaker design. At the **Hi-Fi Show Live** you will come face-to-face with the anarchic **Solitaire** power amplifier, the **Memento Mori** headphone preamp 'Skulls' and the CNC-machined **Sirens** loudspeakers.

With more than a passing reference to **Homer's Odyssey**, the metaphor is testimony to the sheer musicality and realism that allows the potent **Sirens** three-way loudspeaker, carved from a block of solid aluminium (or titanium) to engage and captivate it's audience with its sound and invigorate the mind with its extreme sculptural aesthetic. At home in the most demanding recording studios, concert hall monitoring booths or even the **Museum of Modern Art**, the **Sirens** are a radical departure from the original concept of a three-way box speaker developed early last century. It is offered in a choice of anodised colours, automotive metallic paints, Connolly leather or gold-leaf finishes.

Using ideas borrowed from Neumann TLM 50 and M150 microphones, the Sirens have ceramic Accuton drivers embedded into spheres mounted onto an organic time-aligned sculpture. Accuton's ultra-low colouration ceramic drivers are used in some of the most expensive systems currently available, but it's only when you marry them to a curvacious, stiff and inert 'body' that you can really hear their sheer neutrality and the incredibly threedimensional spatial rendition of a concert performance.

Hastings UK EXCLUSIVE ELAC

Mounting an expedition to the furthest suite in the superior **White House** venue will be rewarded this year as **ELAC** launches its new **Adante Series** loudspeakers at **The Hi-Fi Show Live**. Illustrated by the **AS61** standmounts, the **Adante** range presents a 'clean sheet' design unique to **ELAC**, where technical solutions, precision engineering and superior

DOM.

craftsmanship come together to create breathtaking loudspeakers that sound like nothing else in the world.

The advanced, precision-built cabinet features **Interport-Coupled Cavity** bass loading to exploit the highest performance from its active and passive bass drivers. The inherent superiority of this design solution delivers some of the most authoritative, realistic bass around. Complementing the custom lowfrequency drivers is the all-new concentric midrange/tweeter, a natural-sound wonder engineered expressly for the range.

Motive power will come from Alchemy electronics, now part of the ELAC brand. For vinyl fans the EISA Awardwinning Miracord 90 Anniversary turntable will be playing some choice LPs (with the Alchemy PPA-1 phono stage) while the **Discovery Music Server** will be showing off its powerful multi-room capabilities, providing

a digital source for both the main **Adante** system and also the new **Discovery Z3** zone speakers, which will also be launched at the **Hi-Fi Show Live**.

Cabling comes from **Studio**

Connections whose new Black Star power and signal cables will be debuted at the Show. AC power conditioning will be provided by IsoTek and equipment support courtesy of the very stylish Blue Horizon range.



VISIT AUDIOQUEST IN SANDRINGHAM 6

QUIETER AND STRONGER



In many audiophile circles, it is commonly believed that power conditioners and various other powerline accessories often do more harm than good, robbing the music of its vitality, colour, and that ohso-important, wildly intangible "boogie factor."

AudioQuest's **Niagara Low-Z Power Noise-Dissipation Systems** are designed to do the exact opposite. Niagara kills the noise while *honouring* the music, so that the listening experience can be exactly as it should be: **compelling**, **immersive**, **fun**.

During the show you'll be able to listen too the complete Niagara range and judge for yourself.

"Moreover, the gains became even more obvious when I plugged my Chord QuteHD DAC into the Niagara (7000) too, using Bank 3. Then I was firmly in 'I've never heard it sound this good before' territory."

Keith Howard, Hi Fi News, September 2017









Jon Nelson from RipCaster will also be on hand to answer all manner of network audio questions; to play different digital file formats; and even compare digital 'high res' to vinyl.

EXHIBITORS Buckingham Suites

Buckingham 1 UK EXCLUSIVE Decent Audio

Visitors to the **Hi-Fi Show Live** 2016 were treated to the UK unveiling of the **Kronos Pro turntable**, considered by critics worldwide to be among the best performing decks that money can buy. 2017 sees the first UK showing of the **Pro's** new 'game-changing' **SCPS-1 power supply**, engineered to further unleash the **Pro's** already astonishing performance. At the sharp end will be **van den Hul's** new **Crimson Stradivari** phono cartridge – 'Surely one of the finest pick-up cartridges around,' wrote **Hi-Fi News** magazine.

In yet another **Hi-Fi Show** Live exclusive, Italian amp specialist **Audio Analogue**'s new **AAphono stage** will make its UK debut, alongside the brand's **Maestro**



Anniversary integrated amplifier whose 'big, magnificent sound is hard to resist.' (*Hi-Fi News*.)

Fans of **Raidho**'s prestigious loudspeakers will be delighted to know that the new **D-2.1 floorstander** will also be making its first UK appearance at the show, with its two **Raidho Diamond Drivers** and famous **Raidho Ribbon Tweeter**. But if the sweet sound of **Raidho** is beyond your current budget, don't despair, since sister brand **Scansonic's** fabulously affordable **Raidho-inspired HD range** is another of **Decent Audio**'s covetable yet highly accessible brands.

Designed by **Michael Børresen**, creator of the state-of-the-art **Raidho** range, **Scansonic** speakers offer much of the **Raidho** family DNA and pedigree but at a fraction of the cost. On demo here will be the **MB5**, described by **Hi-Fi News** magazine as 'a gifted compact floorstander with a neutral yet immersive sound.'

Buckingham 2 UK EXCLUSIVE Karma Audio Visual

Karma-AV's smaller show venue will host the UK debut of three new Primare separates: the I35 and compact I15 integrated amplifiers and CD35 CD player. Each features 'Prisma', the company's new appmanaged multi-room network and

peer-to-peer playback technology. The bijou **I15 Prisma**

integrated amplifier offers decoding of up to 768kHz/ 32-bit LPCM and DSD128 combined with 75W/80hm of



power per channel. Its larger range-mate, the **I35 Prisma** amp, is the first to use Primare's new **UFPD 2** technology, a refinement of the original UFPD (Ultra-Fast Power Device) all-analogue Class D amplifier modules.

Generating 150W/80hm, the **I35** offers fully balanced analogue inputs



and the same compatibility with 768kHz LPCM and DSD128 music files. The matching **CD35 Prisma CD player** features an all-new DAC stage that supports digital inputs up to



384kHz/32-bit LPCM and DSD128, and features a fully balanced analogue output stage with XLR connections.

The **Prisma** ensemble will be driving the award-winning **Revel Concerta2 M16** 2-way bookshelf monitor with an 86dB rated sensitivity and nominal 60hm loading. This smart and sophisticated loudspeaker comprises a 1in aluminium tweeter and 6.5in bass/mid driver, meticulously designed, refined and engineered for absolute accuracy at **Harman Luxury Audio**'s Northridge CA facility.



Demonstrating our great range of streaming products...



...with the worldwide launch of the new Aequo Audio Stilla loudspeakers It's all happening in Buckingham 3

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EXHIBITORS Buckingham Suites

Buckingham 3 UK EXCLUSIVE Ultimate Stream

Representing a range of brands from across the globe including **Auralic, Innuos, Rockna, Merging Technologies** and **T+A, Ultimate Stream** will to entice you into the wonderful world of music streaming.

Auralic is dedicated to designing, engineering and delivering advanced audio equipment. Its new G2 Streaming Transport and DAC have the power to flawlessly process all of today's high-res music formats up to DSD512 and 384kHz/32-bit LPCM. By way of alternative, the flagship ZENith SE Music Server from Innuos takes your music to new heights.

Making the way for an elevated audio performance, the **Rockna Wavedream Network Enhanced Transport** is a new class of product that combines a network playback system with a world-class quality disc transport. Also, and with over 25 years' experience as the world's foremost manufacturer of high-res digital audio recording systems, the stunning **NADAC+PLAYER** with **Roon** from **Merging Technologies** challenges the convention of having a computer from which to play your music.

The **MP 3100 HV** digital media player from **T+A**, fresh from its 'Outstanding' *Hi-Fi News* review, completes the streaming lineup. Showcased alongside the **T+A PA 3100 HV**, this **Hi-Fi Show Live** also sees the worldwide premiere of the new and beautifully elegant **Stilla** floorstanding speaker from Dutch brand **AEquo Audio**. Available in hybrid and fully active versions, these speakers are richly musical, offering transparency, precision and an amazing holographic soundstage.

Designed to seriously elevate your system, cables from **Tellurium Q** and the **Quadraspire XRef** audiophile stand also featured in these demos.



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Starring on **Karma-AV**'s main stage will be the latest generation of **Mark Levinson** separates - all making their UK show debuts - including the extraordinary **N°515**

turntable, the N°519 audio player (both recent Hi-Fi News' 'Outstanding' award winners), and Levinson's latest N°534 dual-mono amplifier.

Mark Levinson's first ever turntable is a brilliant mix of precisionengineered transcription and stateof the-art design, while its N°519 player will resolve virtually any digital audio format perfectly. As a fully integrated digital music source the N°519 includes wired and wireless digital audio inputs, a slot-loading CD player, high-performance headphone connectivity and digital volume control. Its system partner, the new N°534 dual-mono amplifier, delivers 250W per channel into 80hm. Operating purely in Class A for most listening conditions, its output doubles

to 500W into 40hm, with stable operation into 20hm loads.

['] In support will be the acclaimed 12-input dual-mono **N°526 preamplifier** featuring Levinson's 'Pure Path' circuit topology and the **N°585 integrated amplifier**, which unites the latest state-of-the-art **Mark Levinson** processing and power topologies in a single box.

The gift of such exemplary audio design will reach the ears of the show audience through a range of speakers from JBL. Its **4367** and **4312 SE studio monitors** rekindle a classic lineage by combining new acoustic systems with the company's iconic pro-audio design.

And to deliver the best possible mains quality, **Torus Power**'s **TOT AVR** conditioner uses the company's Automatic Voltage Regulation technology to ensure that the voltage reaching **Karma-AV**'s systems is maintained at optimal levels.

EXHIBITORS Buckingham Suites

Buckingham 5 UK EXCLUSIVE Luxman (IAG)/DALI

This spacious suite will give you the opportunity to experience a veritable feast of international audio delicacies. **Luxman**, the venerable Japanese highend audio brand that is now in its 93rd year, joins forces with revered Danish loudspeaker manufacturer **DALI** to form a system representing the very best that Asian and European design and engineering have to offer.

A fabulous mix of CD and vinyl is promised with **Luxman's D-06u** SACD/CD player/DAC and **PD-171A** turntable, the latter coupled



to the new **EQ-500** tube-based phono stage. And as well as being a superlative disc player, the **D-06u** also offers an asynchronous USB input compatible with 384kHz/32-bit and

DSD128, using the supplied **Luxman Audio Player** software for PC and Mac.

These feed Luxman's new flagship C-900u preamp and M-900u stereo/mono power amp – a mighty combination that delivers power and poise in equal measure. Also on display will be the new LX-380 integrated amplifier and D-380 CD player – both tube/solid-state hybrid designs.

If Luxman is the emperor of Japanese high-end audio, **DALI** is surely the high king of Danish loudspeakers. Its flagship



Epicon range combines luscious looks with sensational sound, representing the ultimate insight into **DALI**'s values. Visitors will be able to see at least three superb **Epicon** models – the standmount **Epicon 2**, and the floorstanding **Epicon 6** and **Epicon 8** – the latter on continuous demonstration with the **Luxman** components.

The end result? Magical-sounding hi-fi brought together to deliver an unforgettable musical performance.

Buckingham Lounge UK EXCLUSIVE Melco

With a hi-fi legacy stretching back over 40 years, Japanese IT giant **Melco** has the desire and scale to deliver truly bespoke audiophile storage and server solutions. The enthusiast's quest for a dedicated digital front-end, able to serve-up those high-res downloads (in both LPCM and DSD flavours) or CD rips in splendid isolation via USB or Ethernet, takes many

and various forms. You might feel capable of building a dedicated PC, albeit with an off-the-shelf motherboard,



drives, PSU and OS or perhaps opt for a high-end NAS drive on a discretelywired network. Or you can have a giant computer company do it for you, directed by its audiophile CEO to throw all its resources behind a bespoke server motherboard running entirely audio-orientated software processes for network control and hard drive file management.

That, in a nutshell, is what **Melco** is offering with its unique range of digital music storage/players. Now in mk2 guise the latest players include **SongKong** software, which can re-tag and organise a music library stored on the units, and **Ravenna**, the proderived networking protocol also used by the **Merging+NADAC**. These

> marvels of specialised audio engineering include the **N1ZH/2, HA-N1A/2** and latest **N1ZS20/2** – all on demonstration at **The Hi-Fi Show Live**.

Buckingham Reception

Puritan Audio Labs

If the weak link in many an enthusiast's system is so often the quality of the incoming AC mains then **Puritan Audio Laboratories** will tempt you with a series of cost-effective solutions. Visitors have a treat in store as **Puritan Audio Laboratories** demonstrates the technology behind its proprietary range of mains-purifying conditioners and dissipative 'Interference Eating' 13A power cables.

The **PSM136 Purifier**, recently the feature of an enthusiastic *Hi-Fi Choice* review, features six independently-conditioned 8A outlets with optimised power routing, cleansed star earthing and DC filtering to enhance clarity, detail and definition and expand perceived dynamics.



So pause in the **Buckingham Reception**, on your way through to the other brands featured on these pages, and meet **Puritan**'s guiding light **Mike Lester** who will reveal how a cleaned AC supply can seriously improve the performance of your hi-fi system.

hi-finews Special Events

Visitors to the Hi-Fi Show Live will have the very rare opportunity to meet some of high-end audio's most experienced industry insiders and personalities. At the time of going to press, confirmed presenters include Irv Gross [Constellation Audio], Gunter Kürten [ELAC], Peter Mackay [Magico], Bjørn Hegelstad [IsoTek], Peter McGrath [Wilson Audio], Todd Eichenbaum [Mark Levinson], Jean-Marie Clauzel [Métronome], Stefan Kmuch [Clearaudio], Bob McConnell [Transparent Audio], Bill McKiegan [D'Agostino], Mattia Donnola [Sonus faber], Tetsuaki Aoyagi [DS Audio], Michael McCormick [Bel Canto], Benno Baun Meldgaard [GamuT], Kerry St James [YG Acoustics], Raveen Bawa [dCS], Rich Meaz [Boulder], Dominique Mafrand [Nagra], David Walstra [Sonoma], Stuart McNeilis [SME],



Antoine Furbur [Audio Research], Gabi van der Kleij [Crystal Cable], Josefina Lichtenegger [EAT] and Bruno Putzeys [Mola-Mola]. In between some never-to-be-forgotten listening sessions, let these experts talk you through the design and engineering of the world's most

iconic equipment. And the magic doesn't stop there as, once again, **Mike** Valentine of **Chasing The Dragon** (the world's leading producer of direct cut albums) joins **Symmetry** in **Windsor 3**. Details of Mike's twice a day presentation can be found on p6.

Keen to hear the 'real thing'? Then **Hi-Fi Show Live** visitors are invited to a uniquely 'Live' event in **Lancaster 5** as acclaimed cellist **Vincent Bélanger** accompanies his own recordings played through a very highaustem!

end **Audio Note** system!

Returning to **The Hi-Fi Show Live**, **Matthias Böde** from Germany's premier hi-fi magazine, **Stereo**, will be presenting a special series of **Hi-Fi News Workshops**. Can you hear the difference between WAV and FLAC files? Wondered how loudspeaker time alignment affects imaging? Want to hear the benefit of mains conditioning, USB filters or the difference between alternative MC pick-ups? **Matthias** is guaranteed to inject his unique humour into hi-fi!

Finally, in a blast from the past, you love our vintage gear reviews so look out for **Tim Jarman**'s seminars to enjoy some choice examples assembled into a complete system [see Show Reception for times and locations].

EXHIBITORS Lancaster Suites

Lancaster 1

UK EXCLUSIVE

Computer Audio Design with Kudos Audio, Trilogy Audio and Quadraspire

Prepare to adjust your expectations of how good digital audio can sound. **Computer Audio Design**'s **1543 MkII DAC** uses a raft of intelligent innovations to enable an astonishingly natural sound. The DAC will be paired



with the CAD Audio

Transport, a single chassis device that also serves as a combined CD-ripper, music storage device, streamer and NAS drive.

Discover too CAD's brand new USB Cables I & II, expertly developed to

eliminate the unwanted noise generated by digital source

components before it reaches the DAC. **CAD** will also showcase its superb and unique **Ground Control** units, the **CG1** and **CG3**, which tackle noise reduction on a whole different level with remarkable results.

Partnering with **CAD** at **The Hi-Fi Show Live** are **Kudos Audio**, **Trilogy Audio** and **Quadraspire**. **Kudos'** new **Titan 707 loudspeaker** is a smaller, more affordable version of the brand's flagship **Titan 808** and features world-class drive units exclusive to **Kudos**. The units are seamlessly matched to enable **Kudos'** trademark minimalist, low order crossover, which can also be by-passed to run the **Titan 707** in active mode with selected systems including **Linn**, **Devialet** and **Naim**.

In the driving seat, the excellent **925 Hybrid Integrated Amplifier** from London-based **Trilogy Audio** promises to deliver a memorably involving musical performance thanks to its fully balanced, hybrid valve/ transistor design.

Holding everything together will be **Quadraspire**'s superb **Xreference** rack, tuned to deliver the best performance from any hi-fi system.

Lancaster 2 UK EXCLUSIVE Icon Audio

With arguably the most comprehensive range of award-winning valve amplifiers in the UK, **Icon Audio** has models to suits all budgets and tastes, right up to innovative 250W tube



designs for the serious enthusiast. **Icon Audio** is a small, bespoke UK company formed in 2000 by **David Shaw** and strives hard to maintain its four cornerstones of 'Value, Performance, Reliability and Service' while instilling confidence in product purchases that give excellent service for many years. It offers a fabulous series of designs that honour the audio innovators of the past while embracing a sound that is warm, pure and non-fatiguing.

Icon Audio uses tried and tested 'point-to-point' construction techniques in its amplifiers plus inhouse manufactured transformers. While this gives Icon Audio complete control over the sonic signature of its products it also enables a wide range of different tube designs to be offered, including push-pull, single-ended, triode and Ultralinear. So if you don't know what these terms mean come to **Lancaster Suite 2** and find out!

In addition to showing its ranges of award-winning preamps, power amps, headphone preamps and matching loudspeakers, **Icon Audio**'s lively demonstrations will also include its superb phono stages, new **Stereo 30SE** integrated amp and new **MFV15** horn speaker with 15in bass driver.

Lancaster Lounge UKEXCLUSIVE Atlas Cables

Atlas Cables, the engineering-led cable specialist based in Kilmarnock, will be showcasing a wide range of its products at **The Hi-Fi**

Show Live, from its latest flagship Grun grounding system, designed specifically for its rangetopping Asimi and Mavros cables, through to its brand new entrylevel Element Superior analogue interconnect. Utilising its proprietary cold-weld termination technique for both the signal and return conductors, the Element Superior delivers a consistently better performance than other cables at the price and is the ideal first upgrade for any audiophile. Headphone users are invited to audition the **Atlas Zeno**, which offers a significant upgrade over the standard leads

that come with many high-end headphones. Offering solutions for both headphones and in-ear monitors, the **Zeno** series covers a wide range of connectivity options and caters for the world's favourite

headphone brands. Visitors will be able to try A/B tests via a high-end headphone system to experience the improved performance for themselves.

All discerning audiophiles know that system performance is influenced by the quality of the AC mains and that a clean power supply benefits from cables resistant to external interference. **Atlas** will be showing its full range of screened **Eos** mains



cables along with its latest **Modular 4.0 Power Distribution Block**, which combines sockets for higher power amplifiers alongside sophisticated filtered variants for CD players, DACs and phono stages, *etc*.

Atlas production engineers will be hand-building cables throughout the weekend, demonstrating the craftsmanship that goes into the manufacture of every Atlas cable, while representatives will happily talk you through the whole cable and accessory range based on your individual system requirements.

Lancaster 4

UK EXCLUSIVE Sound Design Distribution

Sound Design Distribution returns to the Hi-Fi Show Live with the incomparable Mola-Mola Makua pre and Kaluga power amplifiers. Recently lauded by **Hi-Fi** News as a 'brilliant do-itall high-end design' this extraordinary system is a tribute to the genius of Bruno Putzeys, the acknowledged wunderkind of Class D amplifier technology.

The **Makua** is a modular design incorporating DAC and phono options within a distinctively rippled all-aluminium enclosure. Its matching **Kaluga** monoblocks are based on a refined version of Bruno's game-changing **NCore** technology. Together they create the conditions for optimal reproduction: extremely low distortion, ultra-wide frequency response and exceptional dynamic drive – the perfect audio chemistry for **Vivid**'s astonishingly transparent **Giya G3** loudspeakers.

Supporting the main system and enjoying their UK show premiere are two further **SDD** brands. **GPS Audio** turntables are engineered and handmade in Germany. Three models, the **1**, **2** and **3**, share a 9in



unipivot tonearm and a three-layer chassis construction of steel plate, acrylic (LED) diffusion plate and MDF top plate. The **Model 2** benefits from a double-chassis and **Model 3**, a double-chassis with a 60mm doubleplatter assembly. Each **GPS** turntable has a built-in LED panel, which can be set in various colours to match the system mood!

SDD's second UK show exclusive features **Accusound**'s range of audiophile cables designed and built in the USA.

The life of sound.

Return of an icon. MIRACORD 90 ANNIVERSARY



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ELAC Miracord remains an iconic name from the era of the long-playing disc.

Miracord 90 Anniversary ELAC revisits a golden era with a turntable to mark its 90th birthday.



The motor is double-decoupled from the chassis and therefore from the tonearm by rubber dampers and fabric spiders that have proven themselves in ELAC speakers. The variable pitch control allows the speed to be varied by up to 5 %



tured in Germany and was developed exclusively for this ELAC turntable. An extremely light carbon tube forms the arm, while the remaining parts are made of aluminum and brass.



Aluminum platter weighing approximately 6.5 kg sits on a sub-platter whose hardened steel spindle rotates on an 8 mm ruby bearing. The spindle is axially guided in two sintered bronze bearing bushings.

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EXHIBITORS Lancaster Suites

Lancaster 5 UK EXCLUSIVE Audio Note

AudioNote UK Ltd will be showcasing its exciting new TT3 record player whose design is based on the company's TT-Three Reference deck with its symmetrical



three-motor drive system. Priced at £5000, the **TT3** also features three motors and delivers an outstanding performance with its combination of a lightweight acrylic platter and skeletal alloy chassis.

Partnering this will be the superb **M8 RIAA** phono stage, arguably the finest RIAA preamp on the planet at £36,342. This silver-wired MM phono preamplifier with its

6463-based line stage will be driving the legendary £83,388 **Ongaku 211 integrated amplifier**, a true delight to stimulate the senses. This amazing amplifier, rated at 20W into 8ohm and 4ohm (and weighing a mighty 48kg), features fully silver-wired mains and output coupling transformers.

Delivering sweet music will be the Signature versions of **Audio Note**'s **E Spe loudspeaker,** rated at a full 97dB sensitivity and equipped with **19-strand Silver Spe** internal cabling plus silver wire voice coils on both the hemp-coned woofer and tweeter.

Never forgetting the humble silver disc, **Audio Note UK** will use the **Hi-Fi Show Live** for the world premiere of its flagship **CD 5.1x** disc player. This tube-tastic digital player promises to take Red Book CD replay to an entirely new level!

Lancaster 6 UK EXCLUSIVE Kog Audio and T+A

Visit the large Lancaster 6 Suite where Kog Audio is presenting the latest products from T+A, the German heavyweights responsible for some of the most highly acclaimed audio equipment of recent times. Led out by the mighty HV Series, the T+A ranges offer a rare combination of performance, build quality and features, and are certain to surprise anyone new to the brand.

Kog Audio will be unveiling two amazing systems at **The Hi-Fi Show** *Live* this year. The first features **T+A**'s new **MP 2500 R**, a versatile digital media player complete with a CD/ SACD transport, together with the matching **PA 2500 R** integrated amplifier. The latter is rated at 140W/8ohm and 280W/4ohm and features very efficient power supply and power amplifier technologies. These superb components will be joined by the **Talis 300** loudspeakers in yet another exclusive launch for the UK at **The Hi-Fi Show Live**. The second

T+A system is based around the new **Cala CDR** all-in-one player/DAC/amplifier, combined here with **Pulsar ST20 speakers**. This is a perfect combination for music lovers who value luxury style and ease-ofuse without having to compromise on musical performance, or indeed give up a corner of the room to a complex hi-fi system!

Both of these systems provide the means to play from disc, NAS, Bluetooth, USB as well as FM, DAB and Internet radio, and are controlled by a dedicated **T+A** remote and/or app. **Tellurium Q** cables will feature along with **Stillpoints** isolation accessories, providing the final polish to two great systems.

EXHIBITORS Sandringham Suites

Sandringham 1 UK EXCLUSIVE Music First Audio

Make a beeline to **Sandringham 1** for the worldwide launch of **Music First Audio**'s inaugural 100W monoblocks. Our picture shows just a portion of the new amplifier, so you'll need to visit the Show yourself to discover



how it looks and sounds in the flesh! The **Senlac SJE** amplifiers are Class AB MOSFET designs and you can experience their musical power through a system that includes **Nagra D** and **Revox B77** tape machines, a **Music First Audio Baby Reference V2** preamplifier and **Tannoy Kensington GR** loudspeakers.

A vinyl-based front-end will also include the **Music First Audio MM Classic Phono Amp 632** – a dualmono phono stage that features passive RIAA equalisation.

Sandringham 2 UK EXCLUSIVE Decent Audio

Visitors to last year's show may remember the stunning **Kronos Sparta .5 turntable** which makes a welcome return in 2017, paired here with the **Axia S phono cartridge** from Japanese brand **Transfiguration**. Italian Audio Analogue's new AAcento integrated amplifier with built-in phono stage will make its UK debut. Part of the brand's new **Pure AA** range, it is engineered to deliver excellent value for money by marrying simple design with reference-quality sonic performance. Loudspeakers will be the award-winning **Magneplanar 0.7**, a classic model from Minnesotabased **Magnepan**.





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Theme One Records

The very best of new and used vinyl is here courtesy of **Theme One Records** including the company's speciality – **Music On Vinyl** titles alongside **Gearbox** and **Plane Groovy**. **Music On Vinyl** is a vinyl-only music label that releases high quality 180g LP and 7in vinyl pressings of titles licensed from a wide range of record companies and artists who control their own musical repertoire.

These are both reissues of classic titles, or a simultaneous vinyl release to complement a CD/DVD offering, all of which are marketed under the **Music On Vinyl** brand. Also on special offer at this year's event are the Grammy Award-winning **Chesky** compact discs.

Sandringham 4 UK EXCLUSIVE Planalogue

Peter Laitt, founder of **Planalogue**, will be demonstrating the company's first turntable, dubbed the **Prelude** which was debuted at last year's **Hi-Fi Show Live**. The product of many years in design, the **Prelude** employs a sensitively-matched range of materials in its construction. The plinth adopts a constrained layer structure to reduce internal resonances, while the beltdriven platter is machined from acrylic and is supported on a stainless/brass/ Delrin bearing assembly.

Partnering **Planalogue** is the legendary driver manufacturer **Markaudio-SOTA** which, in another world exclusive at the **Hi-Fi Show**



Live, will be premiering its new Viotti Tower. Black Rhodium Cables will also be showing its latest products, including a new range of tonearm cables called **Silver Groove**.



Sandringham 5 UK EXCLUSIVE Emerging UK

Emerging UK will be demonstrating the Swiss-built **MERGING+PLAYER** network-attached DAC with its new outboard **MERGING+POWER** PSU upgrade. Fully active speakers from **PSI Audio** will include the **A25/225**, the **A215** and **A17**, while **Emerging UK** will also be debuting a new loudspeaker from an equally new brand at the Show – the **Ensis** from Holland's **AEquo Audio**.

Make sure you visit **Sandringham 5** to also experience **PSI Audio**'s patented **AVAA** active bass traps – tightening up bass and improving the musical soundstage while removing the 'boom from your room'.

Sandringham Hall

Headphone Haven

Once again at the Hi-Fi Show Live, Harman Consumer UK will be displaying selected headphone models from its award-winning brands of AKG and JBL. This will include AKG's 2016/17 EISA award-winning **N90Q** reference-class auto-calibrating headphones, inspired by the **Grammy** Award-winning producer Quincy Jones and utilising AKG's TruNote auto-calibration and active noise cancelling technology. Alongside, you'll get to hear the all-new 2017/18 EISA award-winning Everest Elite 750NC wireless over-ear noise cancelling headphones.

Criterion Audio will also be giving visitors the opportunity to experience

the outstanding **Weiss DAC502** streamer/ DAC/headphone amplifier running the incredible **Abyss AB-1266** planar magnetic headphones. This supremely flexible DAC combines ultra-high-end performance with the

convenience

of an in-built

streamer and

a selection of bespoke performanceenhancing facilities, all of which are revealed by what are arguably the finest headphones available today.

Ears for more? Then you will have the chance to compare many other superb combinations, including the stunning **Audeze LCD3** and **Sennheiser**'s benchmark **HD800** headphones running off the powerhouse **Grace m920** and **Moon 430 HA-D** amplifiers

Sennheiser UK will also be present at the Show, proudly displaying its finest high-end portfolio available through the Club Orpheus dealer network. This range includes its new HDV 820 headphone **amp** – the perfect complement for its audiophile headphone range for the ultimate acoustic performance.



Also on demo are the new **IE 80 S** professional standard ear-canal headphones. And why not audition the very latest in Bluetooth technology – the award-winning **PXC 550** wireless 'phones with **NoiseGard** hybrid adaptive noise cancellation?

EXHIBITORS Sandringham/Kensington Suites

Sandringham 6 UK EXCLUSIVE AudioQuest

Marking its return, **AudioQuest** will be demonstrating its new range of **Niagara Power Conditioners**. Like all **AudioQuest** products the **Niagara** series has been designed to do no harm to the music, instead releasing the potential of your equipment by effectively removing distortion and interference from your mains supply.

Visitors will be able to listen to the system without any conditioning (straight from the wall) and then step-up through the line from the **Niagara 1000** to the range-topping **Niagara 7000**, as reviewed in **HFN** Sept '17. The system will feature a Linn LP12, Linn Akurate Exakt Streamer/ Preamp, Linn 4200 Power Amp and Kudos Titan 707 loudspeakers.





Kensington UK EXCLUSIVE Signature Audio Systems

The Kensington Suite will feature a demonstration of **PS Audio**'s reference system, fronted by the **DirectStream Memory Player** – the new and highly acclaimed transport that plays SACD, DVD-A, and CD through a DirectStream DAC and featuring PS Audio's latest free upgrade, called 'HURON'. The system will be powered by the Bascom H King-designed tube Signature preamp driving 300W BHK Signature monoblock power amps and the entire system will run off the world's best and most cost effective mains regenerator – the P10. Please join us and do bring your SACD/CDs for a demo with familiar music.

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