

## HE 2007, Dare to Compare, rooms 1622 & 1628

Two nearly identical rooms and nearly identical equipment, but only one acoustically treated.

### Rives Audio

Sub-PARC (in treated room only for parametric eq) \$4500 each

The sub-PARC is a cross-over, parametric eq, and digital amplifier. A single unit can be used with a pair of monitors and a subwoofer, or as shown in this demonstration, a pair of sub-PARCs is used to actively crossover a pair of speakers and parametrically correct the lower octaves to accommodate for room modes. The sub-PARC can also be used in a home theater with the LFE input, possibly the most flexible and transparent sounds available on the market today for these applications.

### RPG

VARISCREEN \$700

The VariScreen™ is the industry's first free standing variable acoustics screen with a broad bandwidth absorber on one side and RPG®'s flat binary amplitude diffisorbor (BAD™) on the other. This hinged upholstered panel can be positioned and adjusted with a Variable Depth Air Cavity (VDAC™) to control low frequency modal problems. The VariScreen™ is designed for difficult to treat rooms in which surface application is not possible and flexibility is paramount. Acoustically problematic trade show demo rooms are easily tamed with the VariScreen™ as well as almost any critical listening space.

MODEX \$1000

The Modex™ plate was developed by the Institute for Building Physics at the Fraunhofer Institute, and consists of a damped metal plate system. The Modex™ Plate offers broadband low frequency absorption effective from 50 - 500 Hz in a thickness of only 4 inches. The Modex™ Plate has an attractive powder coated metal finish and can be surface mounted on walls or ceilings. Every now and then a new technology comes along that changes everything. You will be astounded at the transients and clarity of sound, once the Modex™ Plate removes all of the masking low frequency reverberance. Now you can absorb more bass in less space!

### Talon Loudspeakers

Thunderhawk \$25,000

The Talon Thunderhawk takes the already acclaimed Hawk and adds the low frequency cabinet--thus the thunder. A slim design that will fit into just about any decor.

This is truly a unique speaker. One can purchase a Hawk (must be manufactured after 1/1/2007) and upgrade to the Thunder at any time. The Thunder contains the passive crossover to the Hawk and can be driven with modest amplification. The capabilities of the Thunderhawk do not stop there. It also has the ability to be actively crossed over (bypassing the passive cross-over) so that separate amplification can be used for the low frequency vs the mid-high frequencies.

### VAC

Alpha Integrated Amplifier \$10,000

The new VAC Alpha sets a new standard for integrated amplifiers. This superb all-tube instrument combines the best design elements of VAC's current flagship products into one robust and tidy package. The 100 w/ch power amplifier shares the new topology developed for the Phi 300; the preamplifier is derived from the Phi Beta, and the MM phono stage is VAC's signature all triode passively EQ'd design. The result is vivid sound that can not be bettered at the \$10,000 MSRP.

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### Wadia

581i Disc Player \$9450

The Wadia 581 Disc Players, built with the classic Wadia quality and aesthetic, advance the performance of the now legendary 861 decoding circuit and add SACD stereo audio playback capabilities. The 581 and 581i Disc Players represent true innovation from Wadia and signal the company's commitment to provide customers with expanded features and as always superior sound.

### XLO

Signature 2, 2 meter speaker cable \$2700

Signature 2, 1 meter interconnect \$700

Argentum XP3, 8 Outlet conditioner \$600

Ultra10, 2 meter PC \$200

XLO WaveLink™ Technology revolutionizes cable design by using all the variables to accurately optimize the cable's performance characteristics specifically for the exact kind of signal that it is being asked to carry within the system. For the first time, XLO WaveLink™ Technology integrates all the multiple and interacting variables of cable material selection, design, and manufacture; balancing their effects on the cable's resistance, capacitance, and inductance into a predictable science. Then, armed with this knowledge, XLO - as one of the industry's very few prime manufacturers - has total control over all the manufacturing elements to bring the design to perfect fruition. The result of all this is simple: the art and science of cable design for which XLO is famous – incorporated into seven different series of products designed to balance and optimize the total performance of any system and budget. XLO WaveLink™ Technology elevates the science of cable design and manufacture. It is why audio and audio/video systems using exclusively XLO cables so radically outperform anything else.

### Silent Running Audio (SRA)

Tremor/Less mk2 se (equipment rack & floor based amp platforms) \$125.00 to \$300.00 based on size & finish.

This Set-Static Isolation system embraces several key essentials. The heart of Tremor/Less consists of six semi-viscous compounds, each of which isolates and dampens specific frequency ranges. It is this type of pinpoint targeting that allows Tremor/Less to eradicate problems and nothing else, thus allowing your system to transmit the accuracy and detail we audiophiles cherish. Welcome to sonic truth. Welcome to Tremor/Less™.

Craz Reference isoRACK plus (pricing from \$6000.00 depending on size, wood & finish).

The Craz Reference isoRACK plus™ boasts an assortment of high-tech developments unique among audiophile products. With its fully-dampened vertical and horizontal members and specially treated 1.25-inch-thick nano-composite shelves, Craz is well equipped for the war on vibration—that is, the elimination of sonic anomalies over the broadest possible bandwidth and at the highest possible amplitude. We developed the ground-breaking Craz Reference isoRACK plus™ for the audiophile who aspires to the very best. It is bound to be the only component in your high-end system that you'll never want to change. Welcome to sonic truth. Welcome to the Craz Reference isoRACK plus™.