

“SHOWSTOPPERS
 ... they sounded
 obscenely good,”

– Jerry Del Colliano,
 HomeTheaterReview

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SoundStageUltra.com
Ayre Acoustics
KX-5 Twenty Preamplifier
Price: \$8950

Website: www.ayre.com

Aron said: The KX-5 Twenty strives for purity of sound through purity of signal, and emphasizes that the first step toward true transparency is silence. The levels of build quality, and the close attention paid to selection and implementation of parts and materials, have resulted in what I consider to be the industry benchmark in solid-state preamplification for less than \$10,000.

The gist: Ayre hits another one out of the park.

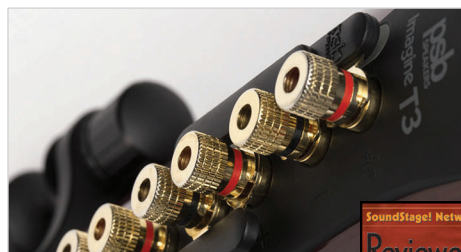


SoundStageXperience.com
NuPrime Audio
IDA-8 Integrated Amplifier-DAC
Price: \$995

Website: www.nuprimeaudio.com

Roger said: I love the NuPrime IDA-8. It sounds fantastic, has plenty of power to drive any reasonably efficient loudspeaker to room-filling levels, it's compact, and, best of all, it costs less than \$1000.

The gist: Considering the excellent built-in DAC, this little gem is great value.



SoundStageHiFi.com
PSB
Imagine T3 Loudspeakers
Price: \$7498 per pair

Website: www.pbspeakers.com

Doug said: The PSB Imagine T3's strengths are plentiful: beautiful finishes, excellent build quality, exceptional bass, outstanding resolution, and a supersmooth, fatigue-free sound throughout the audioband.

The gist: Paul Barton's best speaker yet.



SoundStageHiFi.com
Sonus Faber
Chameleon T Loudspeakers
Price: \$1999 per pair

Website: www.sonusfaber.com

Philip said: If Sonus Faber's goal was to attract a new crowd of consumers to high-end audio, they may well succeed with the Chameleon T, whose exquisite fit and finish were bettered only by its sound.

The gist: The least-expensive Sonus Faber floorstander offers a lot.