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HI-FI '96

Stereophile's High-End Audio Show 1996
Excerpts from the Show Report



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"Unlike last year's Los Angeles Show where three rooms were tied for "Best Sound at the Show," there was a clear winner in New York: the room sponsored by Wilmington, Delaware dealer **Overture** featuring the Avalon Osiris/Spectral/MIT/ASC "2C3D" system."

--John Atkinson, "First We Take Manhattan," Volume 19, No. 10, October 1996

"Oh, Now I Get It: The ultracostly Avalon Osiris [as part of the 2C3D Reference system] loudspeaker wasn't that great at its press introduction some time ago, but the demo at HI-FI '96 made believers out of us. In a word, fantastic. It had the richness of timbre and dynamic shading missing in the initial effort. Now a **certifiable work of art.**"

--Jonathan Scull, same article and issue as above

And, last but not least, the \$72,000 Avalon Osiris, driven by Spectral and MIT, once again proved that the "2C3D" approach can create a system whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. **Simply breathtaking.**

--Robert J. Reina, same article and issue as above

THE BEST SOUND AT THE SHOW

Exhibitor	Brands/Components demonstrated	Percentage of votes
Avalon/Spectral/MIT/ASC	Avalon Osiris/Spectral/MIT/ASC/Zoethicus/Theta	8.6%
Wilson/Conrad Johnson/Transparent	Wilson X-1/Conrad Johnson/Transparent/Well Tempered/van den Hull/Zoethicus	7.6%
Von Schweikert Reaserch/ Vacuun Tube Logic/Tice	Von Schweikert VR-10/VTL/ASC/Tice/Elite/ C.E.C/VPI/Graham/Clearaudio	4.6%
Cello Ltd.	Cello/Ampro/Faroudja	4.4%
Full Spectrum Audio/Voce	Sonology/Full Spectrum Cable/Voce Devina Tenore	4.0%
PopeMusic	Cello/Sonic Solutions/RPG	3.2%
Audio Connection	Vandersteen V/Cary/Cardas/ProAc/Wadia/VPI/Benz	3.1%
Genesis Technologies	Genesis Model 300/ARC Reference/Transparent	3.0%
Legend Audio Design	Legend Audio Design	2.4%
Northstar Leading The Way	Jadis Eurythmie	2.3%
Balanced Audio Technology	BAT/Quintessence Stealth/Transparent	2.3%
Sound by Singer	Wilson/Krell/Runco/Faroudja/Pioneer/ Transparent/Stewart Filmscreen/Zoethicus	2.0%
MBL America	MBL/Minnesota Audio Labs/Grundig	1.9%
Park Avenue Audio	Joseph Audio RM50si/Golden Tube/Cardas/SOTA/ McCormack/AudioQuest/Audio-Technica	1.9%
Evelt & Shaw	Evelt & Shaw Genoa/Komuro/ Mapleshade/ Walker Audio/Omega Mikro	1.8%
Von Schweikert Reaserch	Von Schweikert/Warner Imaging/Thor Audio/Timbre	1.8%
Sound by Singer	Audio Physic/Caldera/CAT/NBS/Immedia/Graham	1.6%
Legacy Audio	Real-to-Real	1.6%
Goodwins High End	Avalon Radian HC/Spectral/MIT/ASC	1.5%
ARS Acoustica/LAMM	LAMM/Purist AudioDesign	1.4%
Audio Outlet	Audio Physic Avanti/Audio Matiere/Siltech	1.4%

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