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WELCOME TO THE 2018 ACOUSTICA NEWSLETTER

Acoustica is one of the UK's leading Hi-Fi & Home Cinema dealers, celebrating over 20 years of trading in Chester. We carefully choose equipment that works together to produce Music & Movie systems that have the ability to excite and amaze, at all budgets, and to exceed all expectations.

Our demonstration facilities at our Chester showrooms allow us to make meaningful comparisons to ensure that you spend your money wisely, to give you many years of enjoyment from your purchase. It should be as much fun choosing your entertainment system as it is using it from day-to-day.

Music Streaming is again the buzz word for 2018,

with new additions to our fold including AURALiC, Hegel, Innuos & Revox to complement our established offerings from Naim Audio. These new products add interesting alternatives to the technology behind music streaming & storage, and all will be on show & demonstration for you to discover. Suffice to say we are very happy that however you want your music to be accessed, we can provide the answer.

For those baffled by the choices available, this is where we come in. For friendly, helpful impartial advice, visit us at our Hoole showrooms, send an email to: info@acoustica.co.uk or call 01244 344227.

ACOUSTICA Hi-Fi SHOW – 14 & 15 April 2018

This year promises to be our most exciting show to date, with more new product launches and technological advances than ever before, but of course the focus remains as ever on sound quality.

The venue remains the same, the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel just off junction 12 of the M53 at the junction with the A41. The Sat Nav postcode to use is [CH2 3PD](#).

Show hours are 10.00am to 5.00pm on the Saturday, and 10.00am to 4.00pm on the Sunday, and admission is free-of-charge.



For those of you who have not been to our show before, it is a very relaxed day out with many of the worlds leading Hi-Fi manufacturers showing what can be achieved from all music formats – vinyl included – with an emphasis on not only listening but on education and information too; feel free to ask whatever questions you like of the exhibitors, or of the Acoustica shop staff. Naturally, anything you see at the show will be available at our Hoole Road retail premises for further evaluation. The hotel itself is a nice place to be, beautiful setting, great bars & restaurants, and a spa, so make a day of it. We hope you enjoy your visit.



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ATC Loudspeakers – www.atcloudspeakers.co.uk

ATC Loudspeakers are one of those hidden gems. Having been focused on their export & professional markets, the poor old UK has been feeling a little ignored, but now with new staff dedicated to the U.K. dealer chain, ATC are back with us.

Going back 30 years, ATC were well known and respected, and back then many other manufacturers used ATC drive units in their own designs, a sign of true respect. Since we have taken on ATC, we have been inundated with requests to listen to them, it's been quite amazing, so we now carry everything from the bookshelf SCM9 to the monster SCM100. ATC have two rooms at the show, one with SCM50's, the other with SCM100s.

They will also be showing for the first time their CDA2 Mk2 pre-amp/CD player that becomes a fully-fledged streamer with the addition of an AURALiC Aries Mini or an Innuos Server, as they will demonstrate.

This is going to be good.



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NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH

AURALiC – www.auralic.com

Still a relatively new company to the British audio scene, but with an innovative approach to music streaming, a versatile & easy-to-use product range, and an ability to get outstanding reviews for each and every product they submit. Just have a look around.

AURALiC are a company to watch. New for the show we have the Aries G2 Music Streamer, and the Vega G2 Streaming DAC, Pre-amp & Headphone amplifier, both high-end products that look to set a standard hard to beat.

With an entry level streamer at only £450, and



a combined streamer pre-amp with balanced outputs at under £2,000 that makes an amazing match to ATC's active loudspeakers that the Auralic room will feature. Great sound and great value is easy to achieve. Recommended.

BOWERS & WILKINS – www.bowers-wilkins.com

Bowers & Wilkins remain one of those companies you can trust. With the investment they make in design every year, their products are always at the forefront of what can be achieved.

With the launch of their reference 800 Series a few years ago, that same technology has now filtered down into their mid-price 700 Series, which offers very affordable high quality sound in a stylish and domestically acceptable package.

On the basis that you show the best that you can do, this year B&W will be presenting the 803 D3 loudspeakers, and in a slightly retro

fashion will be playing CDs using a Naim player & amplification. We'd use the 802s, but they're just too heavy to get up the stairs!



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Chord Company – www.chord.co.uk

Chord are our cable company of choice, the reason being they actually make a difference!! Not only that, but forget everything you've ever heard about the law of diminishing returns, it just ain't true! The closer you get to their best cables, the more realistic things become, there is no limit.

This is what Chord will be showing in timed demonstrations that have always sold out in previous years, so get there early and prepare to be surprised. In ANY system a cable upgrade can make a stunning improvement.



DYNAUDIO – www.dynaudio.com

Dynaudio are a clever company, they make outstanding products, they introduce a new range every year or so, and quietly move ahead of their competition before they realise it. They did it last year with the new Contour range, the year before with the Emit range, and this year we have something rather special, called the Special Forty!

What Dynaudio do every so often is to produce something as a limited edition, that makes use of technology from the ranges above it, and offers outstanding value for money. A kind of 'thank you' to their loyal customers, who once they've bought Dynaudio, tend to buy it again & again!

Priced at a modest £2,500 plus stands, they compete with products at over twice the price. This year Dynaudio will be showing these, and models from the Contour range, come and enjoy!



FOCAL Loudspeakers – www.focal.com

Naim as business partner to Focal Loudspeakers will be using Utopia models in their main demonstration, and the all new Kanta range that has come in just below the well-established Sopra in their 'Uniti' room, the first showing for these in the North of England.



Focal headphones are now distributed through a separate company, SCV Distribution, who as well as showing the remarkable 'Utopia' Headphones, the 'Elear' and brand new 'Clear' models have brought along some of the other products they represent, including Questyle headphone amplifiers, DACs and amplifiers, along with a very

interesting portable player called the QP2R. Meze headphones will also be on show, along with Benchmark Media, Briscati Designs, Even, Fostex & IsoAcoustics. Something for everyone.



HARMAN – www.arcam.co.uk www.marklevinson.com www.revelspeakers.com

Things have changed at Arcam, in that they are now part of the mighty Harman empire, which means as well as showing the brand new range of two channel Arcam electronics this year, we will also have both the Mark Levinson & Revel brands to play with.

Arcam's new range includes the SA10 & SA20 amplifiers both with DACs built in at £700 & £1,000 respectively, along with the £700 CDS50 CD player & streamer. Levinson equipment is a bit more expensive however, with the No 519 streamer coming in at £21,000, the No 515 Turntable at £10,000 and the No 585.5 Integrated Amplifier at around £16,000.



Both systems will be matched with Revel Loudspeakers, the Performa 106 on the Arcam system, and the Concerta M116 on the slightly more expensive one...

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HEGEL – www.hegel.com

Hegel are one of the nice surprises of the year.

A range of good looking integrated amplifiers and streamers at a modest price that give all the functionality required to access music the modern way, while still offering traditional values in terms of producing real honest great sound whether from analogue sources or digital.



Starting at a modest £1,500 for the entry level H90, then going up to £2,200 for the award winning Rost, £3,200 for the H190 and continuing up from there, we are very pleased with this range. Come and experience.

INNUOS – www.innuos.com

Innuos servers are designed to give you everything you need as a music source in one box.

Firstly they are a CD ripping & storage device, with a range that offers different quality levels to match your existing – or indeed your aspirational – system, with a choice of memory size to match your CD collection. In addition, they offer access to online Music libraries like Tidal, as well as internet radio sources. All you need is a digital input on your amplifier and you're away, or partner them with a Hegel

Amplifier, all done very simply.

Innuos's own staff will be on hand to explain exactly how it all works, and it needn't cost a fortune, the starting point is the Zen Mini at only £700. Forget the days of needing a computer to play digital music, that's all history with Innuos.



NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH

KUDOS – www.kudosaudio.com

For the past few year's Kudos have been showing us pre-production models of where they want their range of loudspeakers to be, well now it's there!

We have had the 606, the 707 & the 808, all representing the best that they can do at prices to suit. So here they are again....but with another new speaker, the stand mount 505!

In common with the rest of the range, using an appropriate SNAXO Electronic Crossover, the speaker can be used in active mode, so if you have an active Naim system, but have struggled to find new speakers to replace your ageing Linn or Naim, Kudos can help!

Or you can just buy passive now and know that you have an easy upgrade path ahead of you.



Consistently one of the best sounds at our show as the full room at the end of the day proves, even when the bar's open!

LEEMA Acoustics – www.leema-acoustics.com

We are very pleased to have Leema at our show this year. Quietly producing some very good sounding equipment locally in Wales.

Over the last few years they have been attacking the streaming market with considerable success, and this year have added quite a few new models to the range, including the £1,100 Elements range Streamer that includes Spotify Connect, Tidal, Qobuz, Deezer and vTuner radio... a very clever little unit! Also, the Pulse IV integrated amplifier that includes a high-quality DAC, USB interface and Bluetooth module, and the Stream IV CD player that combines CD playback with the Elements Streamer module. They have been busy!



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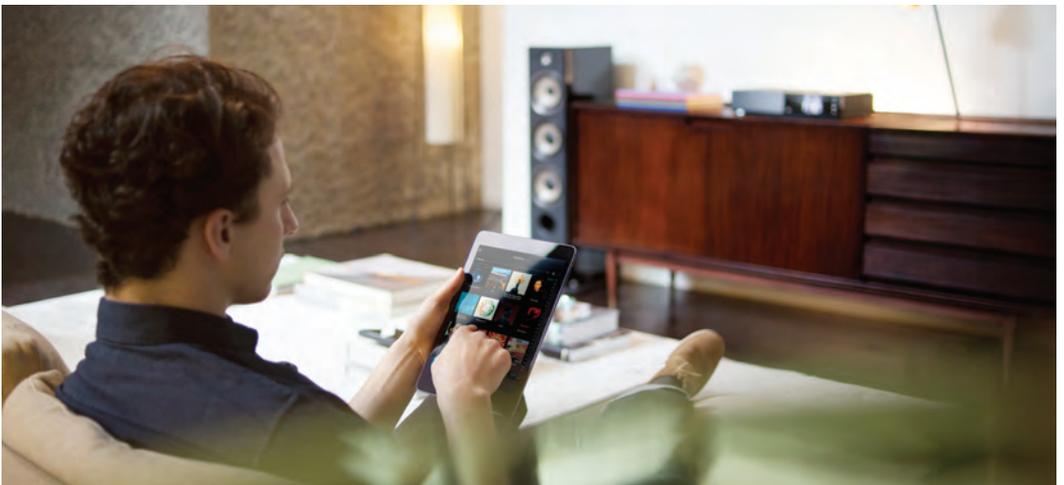
NAIM AUDIO – www.naimaudio.com

Naim Audio need no introduction, they are consistently ahead of the game with their product design, leaving other manufacturers far behind. The new Uniti range of streaming products launched last year have been a roaring success now that they are fully available, while the range of traditional amplification systems are still very hard to beat, they don't update them every year, there's no need. If it ain't broke, don't fix it, as they say.

Yet every so often, they pull something quite remarkable out of the hat, this year being a new Reference streamer, called the ND 555. As we write this newsletter, it isn't quite ready, but we live in hope that the Acoustica Show will be the world première of this remarkable new product. If you check our website News section, we will update it as we know more.

The ND 555 (hopefully), will be being played as part of a full 500 Series reference system, into Focal Scala loudspeakers, while Naim's second room will show the Uniti range in its entirety.

Many of our other exhibitors have chosen Naim electronics to demonstrate their wares, so whichever Naim product you're interested in, it will probably be on in the show somewhere, and if not, the shop is open as usual on the Saturday, so dem's by appointment can always be arranged there.



REVOX – www.revox.com

Revox is quite possibly our find of the year, known historically for producing some of the best reel-to-reel tape recorders both domestically and in the professional world under the Studer brand, they are now back with some very exciting products.



Imagine an integrated amplifier & streamer, with Tidal & Internet radio built in, using a nice control App for £850? And an optional remote control with a LCD screen to show album artwork for £300 if you don't want to tie up your smart phone. And a matching App-controlled CD Player for £1,100 or a rip & store device for around £2,000 that are all in half width boxes so small and neat. And they come in black, white or silver, with an equally stylish range of silver loudspeakers? Well that's why we've taken them on. Oh, and they sound good too!



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ROON – www.roonlabs.com

Firstly the good. Roon is one of the best ways of controlling all of your music sources, and where you play them, fact!

The only downside is that you have had to tie up a computer to do this – but not anymore! With the launch of Nucleus & Nucleus +, Roon now have their own standalone product to do all this, and more.

By the way, Naim have just announced Roon compatibility with their new Uniti range, adding even more to the Roon family tree. We are proud to have one of the very first Roon products at our show, we'll think you'll like it... a lot.

NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH



RUSSELL K Loudspeakers – www.russellk.co.uk

Russell is doing well, having taken the gamble to launch his own brand just a few years ago, it's all going well.

With a now complete range, the brand is gaining awareness, and those who hear any of the models can't fail to be impressed with the almost fanatical attention to detail that has gone into the products to extract the very last iota of performance. Back at our show again, this is a room that people hang around in.



SPENDOR – www.spendoraudio.com

NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH



Spendor are pleased to announce a new model to the range, the A7, which will be the main focus of this year's Spendor demonstration.

This is a direct replacement to their award winning A6R, but through use of the latest materials available to them offers a dramatic up-lift in dynamics, resolution & low frequency extension.

The first showing in Northern England we're pleased to say. The boys have been busy!

We also always have in store Spendor's D Series Loudspeakers, the D7 & D9 for those who wish to take things a little bit further. Demonstrations a pleasure.

The very best of new and used vinyl is here at The Acoustica Show courtesy of

THEME ONE Records

Titles covering some very important releases from the last 50 years. From – Rock, jazz, blues, folk, country, classical & soul.

Specialising in the Music on Vinyl releases. + Abbey Road half speed masters Naim Label, Gear Box & Plaine Groovy labels.

Also stocked are some rare, long gone Audiophile label titles.

SPECIAL SHOW OFFER – the Grammy award-winning Chesky CD label titles from New York and other hard to find Jazz releases at £5.00 each.



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Making buying Hi-Fi easier

We now have in place a 12 month buy now, pay later scheme.

With as little as zero deposit, you can choose the system you want now & pay for it in 2019, it's as simple as that. Subject to status etc.

We will take in part exchange any components you are no longer using, no matter how many pieces that may be. We will then sell them on eBay on your behalf, and whatever we sell them for goes towards the purchase of new equipment. The only charges that will come off the selling price will be £24 to cover all of eBay's fees, and PayPal sales fees if they apply. The rest is yours to spend on whatever you wish.

Brands stocked include:

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| ✓ Arcam | ✓ Hegel | ✓ REL Sub-woofers |
| ✓ ATC Loudspeakers | ✓ Innuos | ✓ Revox |
| ✓ AURALiC | ✓ Kudos Loudspeakers | ✓ Roon |
| ✓ Bowers & Wilkins | ✓ Leema | ✓ Rotel |
| ✓ Chord Company | ✓ Lyra Cartridges | ✓ Russell K |
| ✓ Dynaudio | ✓ Naim Audio | ✓ Spendor |
| ✓ Harman | ✓ Quadraspire | ✓ Stax |
| | ✓ Rega | |



SHOP DETAILS
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For any queries, or to arrange a demonstration, we are here Tuesday to Saturday from 10.00am until 5.30pm, and can be contacted on 01244 344227, or by email to info@acoustica.co.uk.

As always, we look forward to hearing from you.

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