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## **„Hi-Fi Choice” Awards 2008, Issue 313**

### **Nagrody Roku 2008**

Arcam najlepszy w trzech kategoriach wg „Hi-Fi Choice”!!!

Drugie miejsce dla Wireworld Solstice 5<sup>2</sup> i trzecie dla Wireworld Aurora 5<sup>2</sup>

Trzecia nagroda dla kolumn Monitor Audio Platinum PL300

W specjalnym, grudniowym numerze magazynu „Hi-Fi Choice” ogłoszono Nagrody Roku 2008. Wśród nich a trzy urządzenia marki Arcam zajęły pierwsze miejsce i otrzymały wyróżnienie Hi-Fi Choice Golden Award:

#### **Best CD player £1000-£2000 – FMJ CD37**

Flagowy odtwarzacz firmy Arcam jest stereofonicznym plejerem CD i SACD.

Przy obydwu formatach odtwarzacz jest prawdziwym gratkiem, gwarantując znakomicie rozciągnięty bas, znakomitą przestrzeń i rozdzielczość pierwszej klasy. To wcielenie Arcam w każdy cal, a to oznacza, że będzie pracował bez żadnych problemów przez długi, długi czas...

Hi-Fi Choice Golden Award

#### **Best stereo amp £1000-£2000 – FMJ A38**

Nowa seria Arcama to ekscytujące wydarzenie na mapie audio roku 2008, jeżeli wiemy, że pojawia się tak dobry produkt, jak A38, nagroda wydaje się nieunikniona. Topowa integracja jest 105-watowym wzmacniaczem o wyrafinowanej detaliczności i muzykalności, który zaszokował nas niemal nieograniczoną mocą. Po prostu jeden z najlepszych wzmacniaczy, jakie można dostać!

#### **One-box hi-fi systems – Arcam Solo Mini**

Wielkość ukochanego odtwarzacza CD, tunera DAB/FM i wzmacniacza z jednego z uznanych producentów audio, włożone wszystkie do jednej, niewielkiej obudowy i daj na całą realistyczną cenę. Zakochaliśmy się w tym małym świecie. Bardzo trudno znaleźć lepszy system, albo nawet w zbliżonej jakości, za te pieniądze. Znakomicie!

Hi-Fi Choice Golden Award

#### **Loudspeakers over £5000 – Monitor Audio Platinum PL300: Hi-Fi Choice Bronze Award**

#### **Best speaker cable over £10 per metre – Wireworld Solstice 5<sup>2</sup>: Hi-Fi Choice Silver Award**

#### **Best mains product – Wireworld Aurora 5<sup>2</sup>: Hi-Fi Choice Bronze Award**





Welcome to...



THE HI-FI  
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2008

Spread across the next 32 pages you'll find our pick of the very best hi-fi components currently available, painstakingly plucked from each relevant product category.

As you'd expect from *Hi-Fi Choice*, we have rigorously filtered all our favourite products to come up with a final list of award-winning components to suit every pocket – after all, how could you possibly compare the best CD player costing less than £500 to the best priced at over £5,000? Both deserve to be judged against their peers, and that's just what you get with *HFC*.

#### THE JUDGING PROCESS

The process we undertake in judging what products make it into our *Awards* issue is painstaking. All the kit has been listened to and measured and we've sought the opinions of blind listening teams before embarking on extensive consultation with a judging panel of

exceptional experience: the *HFC* reviewing team. Taking into account their feedback, the list has then been gradually whittled down until we've reached a final, democratically agreed selection, with three products in each price category ranked in order of Gold, Silver and Bronze. We've also checked the availability of each product, to ensure you can still get them. Then – and only then – was the final list complete. The result is an *Awards* edition for those who really care about quality – hi-fi awards you can really trust.

Of course, an individual's choice of hi-fi will ultimately come down to personal taste and you'll find many other fine components worthy of your audition list nestling in our *Buyer's Bible* section at the back of the magazine. Yet all our special award winners have succeeded due to their exceptional mix of qualities at each individual price point – whether the gong is Gold, Silver or Bronze, these are products you simply have to hear. The shortlist for your next upgrade starts here...

## Best CD player £1,000-£2,000



### Arcam FMJ CD37

Price £1,000 Type CD/SACD ☎ 01223 203200 🌐 www.arcam.co.uk

Arcam's flagship player in its Full Metal Jacket hi-fi series is a stereo-only CD and SACD player. Using either format, this player serves up a musical treat, delivering excellent bass depth, superb imagery and first-rate resolution. It's also every bit the Arcam player, which means it will perform without fuss or bother for a long, long time...

### Cyrus Audio CD 8SE

Price £1,100 Type CD  
☎ 01480 410900  
🌐 www.cyrusaudio.com



### Leema Stream

Price £1,095 Type CD  
☎ 01938 811900  
🌐 www.leema-acoustics.com



## One-box hi-fi systems



### Arcam Solo Mini

Price £650 ☎ 01223 203200 🌐 www.arcam.co.uk

Take the well-loved CD player, DAB/FM tuner and amplifier sounds from one of the country's most respected hi-fi brands, put them all in one small box and keep the price realistic. Small wonder we fell in love with Arcam's little 25-watt wonder system. You'd be hard pressed to find a better component system for anything close to the same money. Excellent!

### Primare CD110

Price £1,200 ☎ 01423 359054  
🌐 www.primare.net



### Linn Classik Music

Price £1,250 ☎ 0141 307 7777  
🌐 www.linn.co.uk



# Best stereo amp £1,000-£2,000



## Arcam FMJ A38

**Price** £1,200 **Type** Integrated ☎ 01223 203200 🌐 www.arcam.co.uk

A new Arcam range is an exciting event in the hi-fi calendar, but when the products are as good as the A38, an award seems almost inevitable. Top integrated in the newly minted FMJ range, this 105 watter charmed us with sublime detail and musicality and then shocked us with its unleashed power. Quite simply, one of the best amplifiers around!

## Cambridge Audio

840E/840W

**Price** £2,800 **Type** Pre/power

☎ 0845 090 2288

🌐 www.cambridgeaudio.com



## Leema Pulse

**Price** £1,195 **Type** Integrated

☎ 01938 811900

🌐 www.leema-acoustics.com



Amplifiers

## Monitor Audio

Platinum PL300

**Price** £5,500 **Type** Floorstander

☎ 01268 740580

🌐 www.platinumseries.co.uk

