



AUDIO SHOW EAST

Trinity Park Ipswich
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Welcome to **Audio Show East 2018**.

As in previous years, this is our opportunity to make ourselves appear larger than we are while encouraging our suppliers to give you a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

It's also Signals' 25th birthday, by the way. So feet up.

Thank you for coming along. If you pre-registered, double thanks. Please make sure that you have handed in your Eventbrite ticket at the desk. If you don't have it, please say and we can generate a copy. These will form the entry tickets for the **free raffle** which will be drawn at 17:30 hrs Saturday 4th November. Just one ticket per person for the whole event.

We are keen to raise funds for **St Elizabeth's Hospice**. They have a stand in the bar area selling secondhand records. Nearby, Nicholas Butt, who, as **Roastery 112**, supplies our hugely popular roasted coffee beans is selling espresso coffees in the mornings and at around lunch time over the two days.

It's £1 a cup and the entire proceeds are going to **St Elizabeth's Hospice**. Feel free to overpay :)

Just on your left as you enter finds Chris Harris from **Theme One Records**. He has a stock of selected audiophile vinyl pressings from some of the finest labels including Music On Vinyl, Gearbox, Abbey Road, Rega, Naim Audio, Tiger Bay, Vertere, Turntable World, Plaine Groovy & Blue Note.

Also a full range of Chesky compact discs offered at a special show price.

There is a selection of pre-owned Albums which are carefully graded (only mint, sleeve and vinyl), are all cleaned on a professional RCM and with an anti static poly lined sleeve.

Melco Audio

Also lurking in the bar area are Alan Ainslie, Dan Raggett and Tim Lawson representing **Melco**. Their entire range is held by us and is on show here. **Melco** servers are in use in some of the listening rooms too.

This year we are honoured to have the **world launch** of the **N10** two box music server pictured below.

A special show incentive is up to £200 worth of down loaded HD music



Kudos Audio

First room on the right, from the entrance doors leads you to Derek, Dave and Toby from **Kudos** presenting their rather lovely **Titan 505** stand-mount speakers.

Electronics this year are all by Linn and there is a fully **TigerPawed LP12** turntable with **Linn Urika II** providing the analogue input. But digitally :)

Besides the turntable, the **Linn Klimax DSM** is getting its music from an Innuos music server. The **Linn Exaktbox** digital crossover is in use and two **Klimax Twin** power amplifiers are providing the muscle.

We've had a little time with our demo **505s** and we really are taken with them.



Russell K

Next room along on the right and Russell K has the first showing of the new Red 150 SE floor-standing loudspeaker. At time of writing, the full system being used is still being discussed but, as well as a Melco music server, there will be the new Rega Planar 8 turntable.

The Red 150 SE is a stand-alone higher end speaker than the Red 150 but owners of the 'straight' 150 can have them upgraded.

The man himself, Russell, is your guide.



Chord Electronics

2018 has been another momentous year for Chord with the products launched last year becoming available for sale.

Earlier in 2018 we also saw the launch of the Hugo M Scaler, the new Hugo TT 2 DAC (below) and the stunning Étude power amplifier. All are just becoming available in perfect time for the show.



The electronics in use may be small in stature but they are powerful in nature. Making this point very clear, the diminutive Étude, supported by Dave DAC and Hugo M Scaler (left), will be driving some ATC SCM 40 loudspeakers.

Music server is from Innuos and Roon is the control system. Maurice is your guide!

Dynaudio

Final door on the right will lead you to **Dynaudio**.

The long-standing plan was that we would be hosting the launch of the new **Confidence** series of loudspeakers. Sadly, product release has been put back until March 2019, and we are only able to have the second from top **Confidence 50s** available.

These will be presented on the end of Naim 500 series electronics fed by the new ND 555 music player with music served from a Uniti Core.

Dynaudio's Bill & Kala are your guides.

Once production is underway, there is every likelihood that we will have the **C50s** and / or **60s** on demonstration at St Cecilia's House.



PMC

Across the hallway from Dynaudio, **PMC** are also showing some new, tall, loudspeakers, namely the new high end **fact fenestrias**. These are PMC's flagship Advanced Transmission Line designs and production is only recently underway following their launch at Munich High End Show in the spring.

Spookily, there is another pair just bedding in at our HQ in Trimley, so demonstrations with a choice of high end electronics, including Naim's Statement, Chord and Mark Levinson products, will be possible imminently.

In addition to the rather dramatic **fenestrias**, PMC are playing their wonderful **Cor** integrated amplifier (the one with tone controls) through some of their more down to earth loudspeakers. Tom and Keith are your guides and you just know that the music will be great!

The **Cor** amplifier has proved very popular, with many surprised by its talents at last year's show. Be sure to give it a listen.



ATC

Final demo room in the main building running anti-clockwise. **ATC's** line up for Audio Show East includes:

ATC CDA2 CD/DAC/Pre, **SCM100ASL** loudspeakers, **Helios** Turntable, **Sugden** Phono Stage and **Melco** server.

It's great to have ATC products back in the fold and on demonstration. As well as their own preamps, their active speakers are very compatible with Naim and Linn products. The passive speakers are far easier to partner than reputation suggests.

Facilitating all of this in the ATC and some other rooms is racking from **Quadraspire**. They will also have the marvellous **QPlus** equipment interfaces. Ben, Dave & Alester are your guides.



The Raffle

Our thanks go to **PMC**, **Quadraspire**, **Theme One Records**, and **True Signal** cables for the excellent prizes in the free draw. The actual draw takes place at 17:30 on Saturday.

Loud and Soft

Because the movable walls between rooms in the main building are a little too communicative, we have established a rule of adjoining rooms having alternating loudness levels.

Effectively, this means demonstration periods interspersed with quieter times when people can talk or, in the case of the Chord Electronics Room, play headphones. The schedule will be posted on the doors.

Karma AV

In the **Bucklesham Rooms**, **Karma AV** promise music lovers 'a taste of the extraordinary'. Mark and Tom from **Karma AV** have great products, spectacular enthusiasm, impressive fortitude. And a very large van.

With products from **Emotiva**, **Primare**, **Falcon Acoustics** and **JBL** they are assembling a collection of audio systems to caress your ears. Several visits could be required to take in the full majesty of what they have to offer.

Pictured below is the award winning **Primare i15** with the **Falcon LS3/5As**. These are the only true **3/5As** in production.



The Marketplace

The central space in the **Bucklesham Rooms** is set up with a variety of stands. Historically, this has been the headphone zone. This year it's looking more like the final phase of the Ikea retail process!

Rega's Paul Darwin is presenting the new Planar 8 turntable. It is running through a Rega **Aria** phono stage and **Elex** amplifier with some **Fyne Audio F50I** loudspeakers.

Tony Mongahan from **True Signal** is presenting his wares. We should have some of his cables in use in a couple of rooms too. We've been getting some brilliant results from them.

Nick Fuller from **Henley Audio** has **Sweet Vinyl**, **SpinClean** and **Project** products on sale. He is also able to explain and demonstrate **Roon**, which will be in operation in the **Chord Electronics** room.

Roger from **TigerPaw** has his products on display. His 'fully loaded' **Stratos** and **Javelin** turntable is in the **Kudos** room. Utterly lovely and sounds great too.

Hugo Cass from **Ammonite Audio** is an old friend of Signals. His range of analogue accessories, including cartridges are on display and for sale.

Naim / Focal

Also in the **Bucklesham Rooms**, we have Naim Audio and Focal. Naim's new products for 2018 have been the new streamers, **ND5XS2**, **NDX2** and **ND555**. The 555 is running in the Dynaudio room with the full 500 system and the new **NDX2** is in use here with the Supernait 2 integrated amplifier.

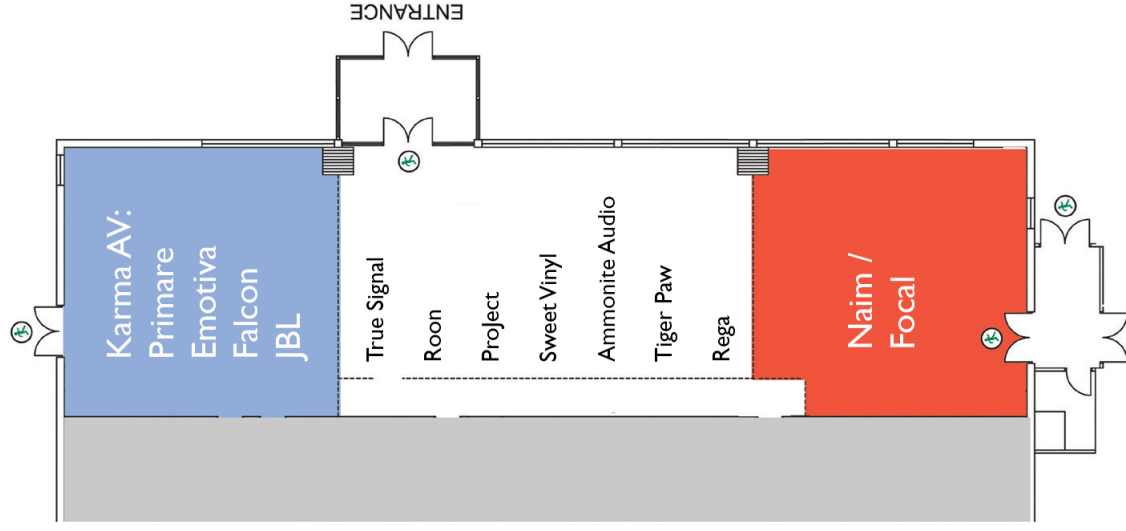
The loudspeakers are also new, the Focal Kanta 3 pictured right and the stand-mount Kanta 1 which will be on display.

These join the Kanta 2 that impressed visitors greatly when used with the Naim Uniti Nova system at Audio Show East 2017.

Mike, John and Flynn from Naim are your guides.



Audio Show East 2018 Site Plan



Bucklesham Rooms

