

## RICARDO FRANASSOVICI

The Absolute Sounds founder offers his view on the state of the high end – past, present and future

## HEADPHONE SPECIAL

Audeze, Focal, Novafidelity and T+A reviewed – and why a kick in the pants can make your private listening experience shine

## PMC/BRYSTON

Kevin Fiske finds himself 'blindsided' by the combination of big studio monitors and muscular amplification

## CARTRIDGE ALIGNMENT

Keith Howard on why it matters, and how to get it right

## BACK TO VALVES

Chris Kelly return to tube amplification with Prima Luna's Evolution 300

## SIMPLER CLEANING

The latest Keith Monks record cleaning machine is easy, affordable – and has a lightshow!

## MUSIC

Our critics survey releases old and new

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*Hervé Delétraz has long refined his no-feedback design and direct signal paths. It all pays off in his NHB-18NS preamp and NHB-108 Model 2 power amplifier*

