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materials-based coloration to exceedingly low levels. Midrange clarity and neutrality are top class (vocals are amazing), and anti-diffraction grilles bring the sound surprisingly "out of the box." Powerful solid-state amplification will give more robust dynamics than you might expect. Conventional looks, but magical sound.

Reviewed by REG, Issue 110

Gallo Nucleus Reference 3.1 ▶

\$2995 (\$3895 with optional subwoofer amp)

roundsound.com

Now in a slightly improved .1 configuration, the Nucleus offers some of the most focused imaging and three-dimensional soundstaging around. The transition from midrange to treble is smooth, and bass is clear and articulate, reaching down to mid-30Hz. Gallo also offers a 250Wpc supplemental subwoofer amp that co-drives the woofer along with your main amplifier, pushing bass response to 22Hz. The Nucleus is at its best with amplifiers of 100 watts or more, though lower-powered amps can also work—especially if you use the subwoofer amp.

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in this deceptive two-way floor integrates old-world quality with dynamics and extension. Despite slivers of transient information, the Concerto scores big in dynamic liveliness and oomph—necessities for a dual-purpose that straddles the fence between home theater. Incapable of soulful note and blessed with a seductive overtone and sweetness, Concerto Domus is the easiest listening speaker experience.

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Vandersteen 3A Signature

\$3495

vandersteen.com

Like all Vandersteens, the 3A is time-and-phase accurate. Its driver features the patented midrange and in the vaunted Vandersteen 5. The

has a relaxed presentation, seductive, and will appeal to those who want to forget about the music, enjoy the music, though off some dynamic midrange resolution and ability to involve. Excellent bass extension with a good balance of warmth and articulation. This outstanding effort.

Reviewed by RH, Issue

Legacy Victoria LE

legacy-audio.com

\$3498

The stand-mounted Victoria combines the virtues of a speaker with the bass