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Dear Brian

Back in Brisbane after a very pleasant few weeks in Europe our focus is now on the usual end of financial year stock clearance. It's your chance to get bargains on overstocked or slow moving items. And there's a special offer on the popular Record Doctor V.

We inactivated many products from the webstores while we were away and have been busy restoring them. Please phone or email if there's anything you can't find.



Last month I suggested that a simulcast can be better than being in the concert hall.

After the concert in Prague we had the opportunity in Vienna to attend a concert by the Grazer Symphony Orchestra in the Golden Hall of the Vienna Musikverein. This is rated as one of the best in the world for its acoustics.

The program included Rimsky-Korsakov's symphonic suite Scheherazade, a favourite of mine with wonderful orchestration that shows off an orchestra's prowess. The performance was superb - we were sitting in the front row of the balcony and although a long way back from the orchestra the sound was so clear and enveloping we felt they



were the best seats in the house. The suite has several solos by a variety of instruments and the way the sound from an individual instrument filled the hall was a revelation.

So in conclusion - in that hall the music was magic, and no reproduction could compare to the emotion and pleasure of being there. But since we can't be in a magnificent concert hall all the time, a hi fi system will still enable us to enjoy the music, and it's our mission to help you do just that.

Musical regards

Brian Maddern

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NEW PRODUCTS

[JICO's SETO-HORI mc cartridge](#)

As mentioned in the last newsletter, this cartridge was officially launched at the Munich Hi End audio show last month and created a lot of interest.

It's a high output moving coil cartridge with a unique ceramic body, boron cantilever, and micro-ridge diamond. As it is high output, and needs just a normal moving magnet type of phono stage, it will appeal to anyone who doesn't want to incur the expense of a step up transformer or special mc phono stage. The micro-ridge tip provides excellent tracking and detail retrieval. RRP for Australia is \$1469.



We have one available for auditioning - please phone or email to book.

The same cantilever/diamond combination is available from JICO as replacement stylus assemblies for several Shure cartridges like the V15 [Type 3](#) and [Type 4](#). These are referred to as Super Analog Styli. SAS replacement styli are also available for several other Shure cartridges and also some Panasonic models. [Full details here](#).

Also available from JICO are hyper-elliptical styli for some Audio Technica and Shure cartridges. We will be adding these to our Styli category over the next few weeks.

ORIGIN LIVE News - Light Speed Control

Origin Live have released the fourth version of their [Aurora turntable](#), and

happily despite improved performance the pricing has only increased slightly. The main change is to the motor control box; it now is optically controlled, with an LED shining up to the underside of the platter which has a reflective strip on it. So every time the platter rotates there is a feedback signal which enables the controller to adjust the speed if it varies from the 45 or 33 standard. Consistent accuracy is guaranteed regardless of belt wear, motor age, pod position and temperature.



For more detail of the LSC system see my [Blog post](#).

We have a special offer on the [Aurora with a Jelco TS-350S tonearm](#). The LSC system is now also included in the [Calypso](#), [Resolution](#), and [Sovereign](#) models.

End of Financial Year specials

[Record Doctor V](#) \$365 with FREE postage PLUS THREE bonuses of RxLP concentrate (\$44.00), 50 Glide inner sleeves (\$26.12), and a Stylus brush (\$16.50).

This is by far the most popular vacuum record cleaning machine in Australia with over 300 sold in the last 4 years. It's always good value for money but we have plenty of stock so is on special till the end of June.



[Digital Stylus Force Gauge](#) \$69.95 including postage, **save \$20.55**

MICROMEGA [phono stage](#), [headphone amp](#), [DAC](#) - just a few units left
1 x **PRO-JECT AUDIO** [Debut Carbon DC](#) turntable with free replacement stylus \$495 **save \$54**

AUDIO TECHNICA [VM540ML](#) \$350 **save \$79**.

ORTOFON [2M Black](#) \$880 **save \$119**

1 only **MUSICAL FIDELITY** [V90AMP](#) \$320 **save \$79**

1 x **E.A.T.** [B Sharp turntable](#) \$1500 **save \$499**

1 x **ICON AUDIO** [Stereo 60](#) \$5700 **save \$600**

ICON AUDIO [Stereo 25 EL34](#) \$2400 FREE Shipping

1 x **ICON AUDIO** [BA3 Buffer Amplifier](#) \$995 **save \$230**

1 x **ICON AUDIO** [LA4 Preamplifier](#) \$2500 **save \$275 plus FREE shipping**

1 x **ICON AUDIO** [PS1 Mk2](#) Signature edition phono stage with Jensen

capacitors and premium valves \$3000 **save \$330**

1 x **VINCENT** [PHO-700 phono stage](#) \$799 with FREE Psvane 12AU7 T-series MkII valve (**save \$93.50**)

1 x **PRO-JECT AUDIO** [VTE](#) vertical turntable \$450 **save \$49** plus a FREE replacement stylus

1 x **PRO-JECT** [VCS](#) record cleaning machine \$850 **save \$49**

Secondhand Bargains

[B&W DM220 speakers](#) were \$440 now just \$350

[NOTTINGHAM ANALOGUE SpaceDeck](#) with SpaceArm, ORTOFON Kontrapunkt B cartridge was \$3500 now \$3000

[DINO Mk2 phono stage](#) with DINO+ power supply was \$750 now \$500

[MONRIO T7 turntable](#) with power supply was \$660 now \$500

[JVC LA55 turntable](#) \$200 save \$75

Malpa - our company's charity

We are very pleased to be a supporter of an organisation which has implemented a program to address the incidence of otitis media (glue ear) in indigenous communities. Please visit their [website](#) to find out about their Young Doctors program.

The logo for Malpa, featuring the word "malpa" in a stylized, lowercase font. The letters are colored in a gradient from red to yellow, set against a black rectangular background.

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