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LINN NEWS UPDATE

HOT LINN NEWS.

After months of designs and preparation we can officially say that New Zealand will have a new specialist hi-fi store "The Demo Room", this will open before the end of June.

Three companies have joined ranks to offer audio and home theatre enthusiasts a new and enjoyable listening environment in main street Parnell.

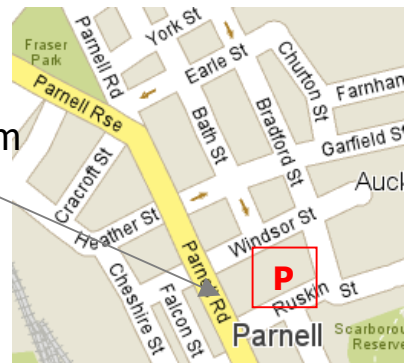
The shop's theme will be more like a home than the average hi fi store, where relaxation and an espresso will be on offer. But the main point of difference will be the fact that we will sell by demonstration in rooms similar to your home allowing you to truly compare systems and components.

The address is 168 Parnell Road, next to Portofino restaurant and there is plenty of customer parking underneath.

We will keep you up to date with info prior to the opening.



The Demo Room



The Linn Hi-fi Shop in Albany will be closing down and we will become partners in The Demo Room as well as running Linn New Zealand wholesale from the new premises.

Linn New Zealand would like to thank those who have given support and purchased product directly from the "Linn Hi Fi Shop" over the last year, but with the opening of the "The Demo Room" store shortly the favorable buying prices etc will be coming to an end, so be in quickly and buy now.

Enquire about our "Very Special Terms" last chance!

There will never been a better time to to buy your Linn DS Player!

Recent Linn Products & Upgrades

The Linn Classik Music .

After ten years in the same LK series case the Classik Music has been upgraded and given a new lease of life.

While the original Classik Music still sounds stunning, the new Classik Music sounds noticeably better after shedding its old copper transformer in favour of a new Linn SPS power supply and getting a complete work over using the knowledge gained over the last 10 years of R&D.



The Akurate Speaker Range.

The Akurate speaker range was introduced in 2003 and late last year was upgraded with new woofers and an upgraded 3K array unit. This simply improved the sound quality making the already superb sound even better. There is no cosmetic difference.

The Akurate 221 subwoofer has been discontinued and replaced with the larger Akurate 226 Subwoofer



Akurate 242, 221, 225 and Akurate 226 Subwoofer

The Majik Speaker Range.

The Ninka, Katan and Sizmik have been discontinued And replaced by the Majik 140, Majik 109, and Majik 126 Subwoofer.

The introduction of the 2K array gives a dramatic improvement to the treble performance and the Majik140 is ported and slightly larger than the Ninka making it a great speaker for larger rooms.

The Majik 109 is simply a stunning speaker for small to medium size rooms. The Katan was a great small speaker but this is stunning.

The Majik 126 is almost identical to the old Sizmik but has improved amplification and driver.



Majik 109 on stand

Majik 140

Majik 126

The Majik LP12 Turntable

The Majik LP12 was introduced over a year ago now and has got stunning press. The Majik LP12 is a real Sondek LP12 with a simplified power supply and a Project arm with a Linn Adikt MM cartridge. It can be upgraded to a very top LP12SE by simply adding the upgrades.

Sales in NZ have been disappointing which we believe is simply because very few people have had the chance to listen to it. This hopefully will change when we move into our new store.



LP12 Performance that is simply Out Of This World

As the longest-lived hi-fi product of all time, Sondek LP12 is an investment which you will cherish for life. And now, the new Radikal and Urika upgrades present an opportunity for you to get even more value from your record collection by revealing a new level of performance that's simply out of this world.



DS DS NEWS NEWS NEWS New software and control etc



The momentum is gathering with a number of new programs supporting the Linn DS players

The new Linn Cara software is also due out shortly. (hopefully late May) A new Linn GUI (Kinsky Desktop) should be released at the same time. This will have a significant impact on the visual appeal of the Linn control GUI, plus it is much more programmer friendly for software developers. This will almost certainly mean more third party programs will be developed for controlling the DS players.

New Ripping Program

Linn engineers have been working with dBpoweramp to get a better ripping program and are now recommending "dBpoweramp" instead of "Ripstation Micro".

dBpoweramp is the highest quality (in both sound/ripping as well as usability) ripping program out there. This is now ready and dBpoweramp comes with FLAC out of the box and as the default codec. dBpoweramp also has exceptional metadata and album art support which it aggregates from a number of commercial providers.

Linn have negotiated a deal that DS customers get the program for **\$24USD** which represents a **35%** savings.

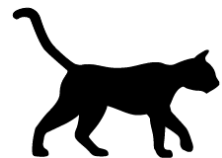
All you need to do is visit: <http://reg.dbpoweramp.com/linn.aspx> and enter your Linn DS serial number.

New uPnP server see <http://www.dbpoweramp.com/asset-upnp-dlna.htm>

dBpoweramp also have a free uPnP server program called "Asset" which I have trialled at home over last weekend and it seems to work satisfactorily instead of Twonkymedia server provided you are using your computer as a server rather than a NAS. This is early days and is currently not a Linn recommended program, but it does have some interesting features such as Composer support and the ability to play your FLAC library (except Studio Masters) through your I-Pod Touch or I-Phone via wireless.

Catwalk see <http://getcatwalk.net/>

Catwalk is an add on to J-River Media Center that allows you to control a Linn DS player directly from J-River (Similar to I-Tunes or Windows Media) The DS effectively runs in parallel with your PC with the same music coming from your PC speakers.



Portable uPnP Controller programs

see <http://bookshelfapps.com/songbook.php> and <http://plugplayer.com/>

There are currently two I-Phone / I-touch applications available on I-Tunes. They are "Songbook" and "Plugplayer" Both work reasonably well but "Songbook" is ten times the price of Plugplayer and a lot more user friendly. They both have some issues and crash occasionally but the new Cara software should improve this.



Linn have also written a free program for PDAs see <http://oss.linn.co.uk/trac/wiki/KinskyPda> Nokia Cellphones like the N95 etc and Nokia web browsers like the N810 we will also control the LinnDS

DS Controller for MAC

Songbook have released their DS controller program for Mac computers, but I gather there are still a few small bugs. A lot of work is going on with this and possibly a new uPnP server program plus possible I-Tunes compatibility. I recommend holding off until at least the release of the CARA next month.

Link to Songbook. <http://bookshelfapps.com/songbook.php>