

# "Classik Music" Reviews



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GQ Magazine, UK , May 2004

"Of the four systems this month, the Classik has the greatest oomph, its 75W amplifier has the sort of stunning sound you'd expect from something much bigger. Linn's UNIK speakers are, as you'd expect, commensurate with the Classik's high standards, but you could wire the unit up to a pair of top-end speakers and it would not disgrace itself. This is perhaps the best one-box replacement for a separates system..."

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Linn Classik Music System with Linn Unik Loudspeakers (Group Test Winner), What Hi-Fi? Sound & Vision., January 2003

"for sheer all-round ability our favourite is the Linn, with true separates performance, flexibility and understated style. Whether you want a no-fuss standalone system or are thinking about starting a complete multi-room installation, the Classik Music System is the one to have."

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Linn Classik: Electronic House Magazine, USA, February 2002, February 2002

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH: The System is unlike others of its caliber because it combines high quality, easy ergonomics and the ability to upgrade in the future. The Classik can be combined with up to four other Classiks in other rooms and can be set up and moved quite easily. The beauty of the Classik is that it is truly plug-and-play.

Overall, this is an excellent product that is sure to make many, many people happy. If you are somebody who likes high-quality sound and expandability for the future, this is the product for you. All I know is that it is sure to be a classic.

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The Scotsman, 20 October 2001, Smart Money "Must Have" Section "Linn offers an excuse to turn up the volume", October 2001

My wife firmly blames my father for my addictive multiple technology dependency disorder. Hi-fi, by which I mean a 'proper' separates system, not those items peddled by high street electrical stores, has always been close to the top of the list of these dependencies.

My first real encounter with Linn was as a teenager when a friend's father was reported to have this legendary turntable. This was the Linn Sondek, and took on a mystical reverence when we were discovering music for the first time. Where many people don't have the luxury of space for a true hi-fi, the manufacturers have offered us "lifestyle", all-in-one systems. With the Classik, Linn gives us the convenience of a lifestyle system with none of the compromises. The Classik provides a CD, tuner and amp in a single unit complete with a remote control, AM and FM antennae and pre-terminated speaker cable all in the box. This meant the Classik was ready to go in ten minutes.

The review unit was supplied with a pair of Linn Kan "bookshelf" sized speakers. These can be mounted in a variety of ways, including a custom wall mount available from Linn. The CD player provides all the usual functions of random and shuffle play; the tuner provides 80 memories of AM and FM bands, and the amplifier backs it all up by supplying a healthy 75 watts per channel. But the real test of a system like this is in the listening. It's at times like this that you'll go through your entire CD collection pulling out a wide range of musical styles and recordings.

First up was a bit of jazz. What struck me first was the transparency of the drums. The Classik brought out the subtlety of the playing and the variations in each hit of the snare. Sitting back, I could feel as if the full band was playing in the living room. The separation and clarity of each instrument took up its place in the stereo image. There was no coloration in the sound, with a very natural balance across all the frequencies to give a real "acoustic" sound. A quick spin of the tuner to Classic FM also confirmed the Classik's credentials in the tuner and classical music department. ....Continued over

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The Linn Classik is a tremendous system, providing real listening pleasure in a convenient to use system. The detail and almost "holographic" quality of the sound really increase your listening pleasure, and will send you back to scour and listen to your whole CD collection again."

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CLASSIK MUSIC SYSTEM, Audiophile Record Service, 4/2001, April 2001

„....As a CD player + tuner + amplifier + multiroom-controller with true audiophile sound quality the Classik Music System is unbeatable for this kind of money. Buy it, even if you don't use its multiroom options. If there are better sounding single components for the price of the Classik, I haven't heard them..."