Our $329 Pioneer, EPI, Garrard System.

A special purchase we've made on the Pioneer SX434 allows us to offer this fine sounding music system at a very reasonable price.

The Pioneer SX434 may be a discontinued model, but there's nothing "discontinued" about the circuitry or performance. In fact, many manufacturers are just beginning to catch up with the advanced design of the SX434. The amplifier section delivers a full 15 watts rms, 40-20 kHz at a low 0.8% THD. Pioneer was among the first to adopt phase lock loop multiplex decoding for superb FM stereo separation and low distortion. You'd probably have to pay the entire price of the SX434 to get an FM tuner this competent. The SX434 is unusually versatile, too, with provisions for remote speakers, microphones, and a tape deck, as well as FM muting to eliminate annoying interstation hiss.

The system features EPI 60 loudspeakers. They're acoustic suspension with a high-compliance 6" woofer and the same 1" air spring tweeter (and series-capacitor crossover) used in the top-rated EPI 100. This tweeter is a standard against which all dome designs must be compared; its accurate reproduction and dispersion of the highest musical frequencies is unsurpassed. The bass response of the EPI 60 is also outstanding. After all, EPI engineers helped "write the book" on acoustic suspension design!

The Garrard 440M completes this system. It offers a well-designed low-mass aluminum tonearm, cuing, anti-skate, and an especially rugged Pickering magnetic cartridge. It's mounted on a really good-looking base, complete with an especially well thought-out hinged dustcover.

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