Our $429 Kenwood, EPI, Garrard System.

This system owes its superior sound quality to a receiver that’s designed more like the best separate components, and a brilliantly conceived set of loudspeakers.

Kenwood’s engineers made a genuine effort to improve the sound of their new line of receivers - difficult, because the sound of their existing line of receivers was well above average. They’ve adopted design techniques that have been the private preserve of good separates. The KR2600 delivers a guaranteed minimum of 15 watts RMS 20-20 KHz at no more than 1% THD. More impressively, our Product Evaluation Department found this receiver capable of delivering 6 watts at 5 hz (under the above conditions) without exceeding rated distortion! This kind of reserve power at the deepest bass frequencies means the KR2600 sounds clear and unstrained, even at very high volume levels. Also featured are a phono preamp with wide dynamic range and minimum length wiring. For very clean record reproduction, a relay protection system that eliminates fuses, and the kind of well-mannered tuner Kenwood is justly famous for.

The EPI 100 loudspeaker is at once classic and representative of state-of-the-art. In his attempt to produce a loudspeaker of maximum musical accuracy with maximum economy of means, designer Win Burhme created a speaker of enduring significance. The excellent performance of EPI’s 1” air spring tweeter has proven difficult to equal - never mind surpass. And the low-mass woofer and series-capacitor crossover are just now being recognized as good design practice by some speaker companies that like to be thought of as very avant garde. Consistent top ratings, year after year, attest to EPI’s quality control. If your aim is to hear what the musicians on your records heard, you’ll enjoy the EPI 100.

For the record, we’ve included the Garrard 440M automatic turntable. This new model from one of the most experienced turntable manufacturers offers exemplary performance at a very modest price. Included are a rugged Pickering cartridge designed for minimum record wear, base, and hinged dustcover.