

# Late-Spring Additions

NEW AMPLIFIERS, RECEIVERS, CONTROL SOLUTIONS, & MORE FROM TOP BRANDS



**Jensen Transformers** has begun shipping four new ISO-MAX direct boxes: the Concert-1 and Concert-2 for instruments, and the Media-1 and Media-2 for laptops and other consumer audio sources. The Concert-1 and Concert-2 are direct boxes aimed at interfacing musical instruments such as acoustic guitar, bass, and keyboards with the PA system. The Concert-1 is a single channel direct box with standard 1/4-inch input and throughput. The Concert-2 is a stereo version that retains full stereo functionality at all times. The Media-1 and Media-2 direct boxes are similar in that they too are equipped with Jensen JT-DB-EPC transformers. But in this case, each of these is also equipped with a variable pad that enables the user to precisely adjust the input level.



**Harman's Mark Levinson** has introduced its 523 preamplifier. With precision control including a discrete, balanced R-2R Ladder volume control, Class A Phono stage, and Class A Main Drive Headphone output, the 523 preamplifier delivers performance regardless of analog source. Six line-level analog and phono inputs travel through the Mark Levinson proprietary Pure Path discrete, direct-coupled, dual-monaural signal path in class A. Housed in a cold-rolled steel and 6000-series aluminum chassis, the 523 is designed and handcrafted in the USA. System integration connectivity includes ethernet/IP control, RS-232, USB for monitoring and configuration via web page, plus DC triggers and an IR input.



**Peerless-AV** recently revealed a new line of all-season outdoor TVs for outdoor home entertainment and living: the UltraView Outdoor TVs. Completely weatherproof, UltraView TVs give homeowners an affordable option to add digital entertainment to their outdoor living spaces. Available in 49-inch, 55-inch, or 65-inch models, the TVs are equipped with an LED backlight to provide HD video in 1080p. The UltraView TVs also come with an IP68 rated waterproof and dustproof universal remote that can be programmed to control up to three additional devices. The 49- and 55-inch UltraView TVs are available now; the 65-inch UltraView TV will be available in July 2016.



**BeON Home** is introducing new features to enhance the home protection features of its system. BeON's LED security bulbs are now UL approved for outdoor usage as well as for use in fully enclosed fixtures. The BeON smart modules automatically learn a family's everyday lighting patterns and then replay them while they are away to make the home appear occupied. If a would-be intruder checks to see if anyone is home by ringing the doorbell, the BeON smart modules register the doorbell and turn lights on sequentially as if an occupant were awakening and moving throughout the house.



**WyreStorm** recently released its EX-100-4K-PRO, a 4K HDCP2.2 HDBaseT 2.0 extender with dual USB, dual ethernet, two-way control, and two-way PoH for AV and data distribution over distance in education and corporate applications. Supporting transmissions of 4K at 60Hz with 4:2:0 subsampling to 100 meters (328 feet) or 1080p at 60Hz with 48-bit color to 150 meters (492 feet), the EX-100-4K-PRO features 5Play compliance for distribution of video, audio, two-way IR/serial control, power, and ethernet along a single Cat-6 cable. Both the EX-100-4K-PRO transmitter and receiver offer connection for USB local host control and remote host control over HDBaseT via USB transfer for connections of PC source to connected projector to smart whiteboard.



**Pioneer** has released the VSX-531 5.1-channel AVR. Featuring four HDMI inputs and Ultra HD (4K/60p/4:4:4) pass-through with HDCP 2.2, the AVR supports the latest video standards of HDR. Bluetooth connectivity allows many compatible devices to transmit content to the AVR. Pioneer's Phase Control technology adds synchronized sound to the AVR for a more engaging performance. The VSX-531 comes with an IR remote and is Dolby TrueHD/Dolby Digital/Dolby Pro Logic II compatible.



**Sony Electronics** is bringing HDR capability to its 4K VPL-VW365ES home theater projector. Current owners will be able to add the feature with

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