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CONSTELLATION AUDIO UNVEILS NEW CENTAUR II 500 STEREO POWER AMPLIFIER AT CES 2017

Constellation Audio, the innovative manufacturer of high performance preamplifiers, amplifiers, and digital playback systems, is pleased to announce the debut of the new Centaur II 500 Stereo power amplifier at CES 2017 in Las Vegas from January 5 – 9 2017. Building on the successful introduction of the Centaur II stereo and mono amplifiers last year, and benefitting from the research and development used to create the Reference Series Hercules II amplifiers, this new amplifier satisfies the demand for a more powerful Performance Series amplifier. Products of the Constellation Audio “dream team,” the Centaur II 500 Stereo delivers outstanding audio performance across the entire musical range and regardless of the type of music.

Constellation Audio CEO Dr. Murali Murugasu observes, “The new Centaur II 500 Stereo is likely the ideal amplifier for those systems where power is a desire or a necessity. When coupled with a great preamplifier such as the Virgo III, the Centaur II 500 Stereo produces bass, dynamics, and musical realism that is unlike that of any other combination I have ever heard – short of the Altair II and Hercules II. All of the music is there; nothing is added, sacrificed, or compromised.”

The Centaur II 500 Stereo takes the performance of the Centaur II Stereo to the next level. The Centaur II Stereo incorporated a new capacitor board derived from the

Hercules II which tripled the power supply capacitance of the Centaur II compared to the original Centaur while maintaining the same power output. Now, we have utilized one of the massive power transformers used in the Hercules to double the output power from 250 to 500 Watts per channel. The additional power results in palpably better bass at all listening levels. Dynamics, both macro and micro, are also significantly improved. And like a big automobile engine, there is plenty of power there on demand when the music or the mood calls for it.

DISPLAY LOCATION

Constellation Audio will be demonstrating the new Centaur II 500 Stereo in The Venetian, Suite 30-334.

SPECIFICATIONS

Centaur II 500 Stereo

Power Output: 500 W/ch. into 8 Ohms, 1000 W/ch. into 4 Ohms @ < 0.05% at rated power

Frequency Response: 10Hz – 100 KHz +1/-0.5 dB

Inputs: Constellation Direct, XLR Balanced, RCA Unbalanced

Output: 1pr. Binding post/Banana socket/channel

Input Impedance: 10KΩ Unbalanced, 20KΩ Balanced

Features: 12V trigger, USB control

Dimensions (W x H x D): 18.75" x 11.7" x 22.3"; 47.6 cm x 29.7 cm x 56.6 cm

Weight: 150 lbs.; 68 kg.

PRICING AND AVAILABILITY

The US retail price of the Centaur II 500 Stereo is \$55,000. Deliveries for the Centaur II 500 Stereo are expected to begin in Q1 of 2017 to US and worldwide markets.

ABOUT CONSTELLATION AUDIO

Constellation Audio was formed for the purpose of bringing to discriminating listeners the highest performing audio products in their respective categories. To do this required assembling a “dream team” of the finest multi-disciplined designers and engineers in the business. Quality is assured by manufacturing all Constellation Audio products in California.

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