

Sunday, November 23, 2014

Bill Dudleston started his presentation by explaining a little about his history as a speaker designer and how it led to the eventual development of the V and its associated Wavelet processor. This combination was amazing, playing both digital recordings and vinyl with a huge sound stage and incredible amounts of detail. These speakers were able to plumb the depths of the bass with ease and still provide a warm and focused top end sound. This was by far the most room filling and effortless sound we have ever heard at the DNDC. However, the show was not over as Bill also demonstrated the latest iteration of the Focus loudspeakers which had a similar "family" of sound and some of the sweetest highs we have ever heard! All in all, this was finest sound I have ever heard at one of our meetings.

Bill also introduced us to Lyn Stanley, a fine jazz vocalist whom most of us had never heard before. Lyn thrilled us by playing some of her recorded tracks on both CD and Vinyl. Her voice has range, great breath control, and intonation. Her maturity as a vocalist is belied by the fact that she is a relative newcomer to singing! I enjoyed her singing live along with her recordings most of all. This is very difficult to do, requiring the power to match speaker volume and perfect intonation. Lyn pulled it off magnificently. Most of us bought her recordings which she thoughtfully discounted and signed for us!!

I know we say this every month, but I think this was our best meeting ever! (And, I scored both of her excellent recordings!)