

BEST STEREO AMPLIFIER £500-£1,000



Arcam DiVA A90

PRICE £850 **TYPE** Integrated amp **CONTACT** ☎ 01223 203200 • www.arcam.com

Arcam's current range of amplifiers offers a masterclass in how to produce a delightfully slick and flexible user interface without impinging on sound quality. The A90 is perfect example: a stereo amp that's a joy to use, with a sound that's clean, smooth, detailed and involving. In last issue's *Ultimate Group Test* it continued to slay the opposition, our 'blind' listening panel remarking upon its beautifully judged sound. The ability to convert to multichannel via an optional 7.1 module is the icing on the cake.



BEST MULTICHANNEL AMPLIFIER £500-£2,000



Arcam DiVA AVR300

PRICE £1,300 TYPE AV receiver CONTACT ☎ 01223 201200 @ www.arcam.co.uk

The fact that last year's winner in this category, Denon's AVR-3805, is being discontinued might have given us a headache when it came to judging time... but actually, it was all very simple. Our Gold Award winner hails not from the Far East but from the design team of Brit-Fi stalwart Arcam. And while feature fetishists might not consider it top-of-the-list material, its superb sonic abilities, not least with music, make it an excellent buy. Pure multichannel class.



BEST MULTICHANNEL AMPLIFIER OVER £5,000



Arcam FMJ AV8/P7

PRICE £5,750 (E3,150/E2,600) **TYPE** Processor/power **CONTACT** ☎ 01223 203200 @ www.arcam.co.uk

The second Gold Award for Arcam in this year's multichannel amp category will come as no surprise to anyone whose heard this excellent processor/preamp and seven-channel power amp in action. An

extraordinary undertaking for a company of Arcam's size, it's the performance/price ratio that wins the day here with a sound of terrific intensity across all formats. Most certainly, this is multichannel hi-fi done right.