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MEMO: To All Bryston Customers

SUBJECT: Dealer Feedback BHA-1 Headphone Amplifier

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## BRYSTON BHA-1 HEADPHONE AMPLIFIER

“After months of waiting my Bryston BHA-1 Headphone amplifier it arrived towards the end of last week and yesterday I sat down for a few hours to put it through its paces, all I can say is BHA-1 - OMG. Actually James I think you should have called it the OMG-1. What a piece of kit, it was certainly worth the wait.



First off I tried the BHA-1 as a 'pre-amp' out of curiosity, hooked up to a 4B SST2 with the BDP-1 and BDA-1, all balanced, what an amazing system, it sounded fantastic, I think this feature really shouldn't be overlooked as this system is a cracking set-up and as long as you don't need more than one source hooked up offers fantastic performance

Then for the real test, the BHA-1 connected to the BDP-1 and BDA-1 using balanced cables again, with my Grado PS1000's, un-balanced unfortunately, I played with the gain settings but with the Grado's preferred the high setting. I have to say I really wasn't expecting the quality jump compared to the SP3 headphone out, which is no slouch it has to be said, but the difference really isn't subtle, through the BHA-1 the PS1000's just came alive, it was like I'd bought a new pair of headphones, it does make me wonder how many people have never heard

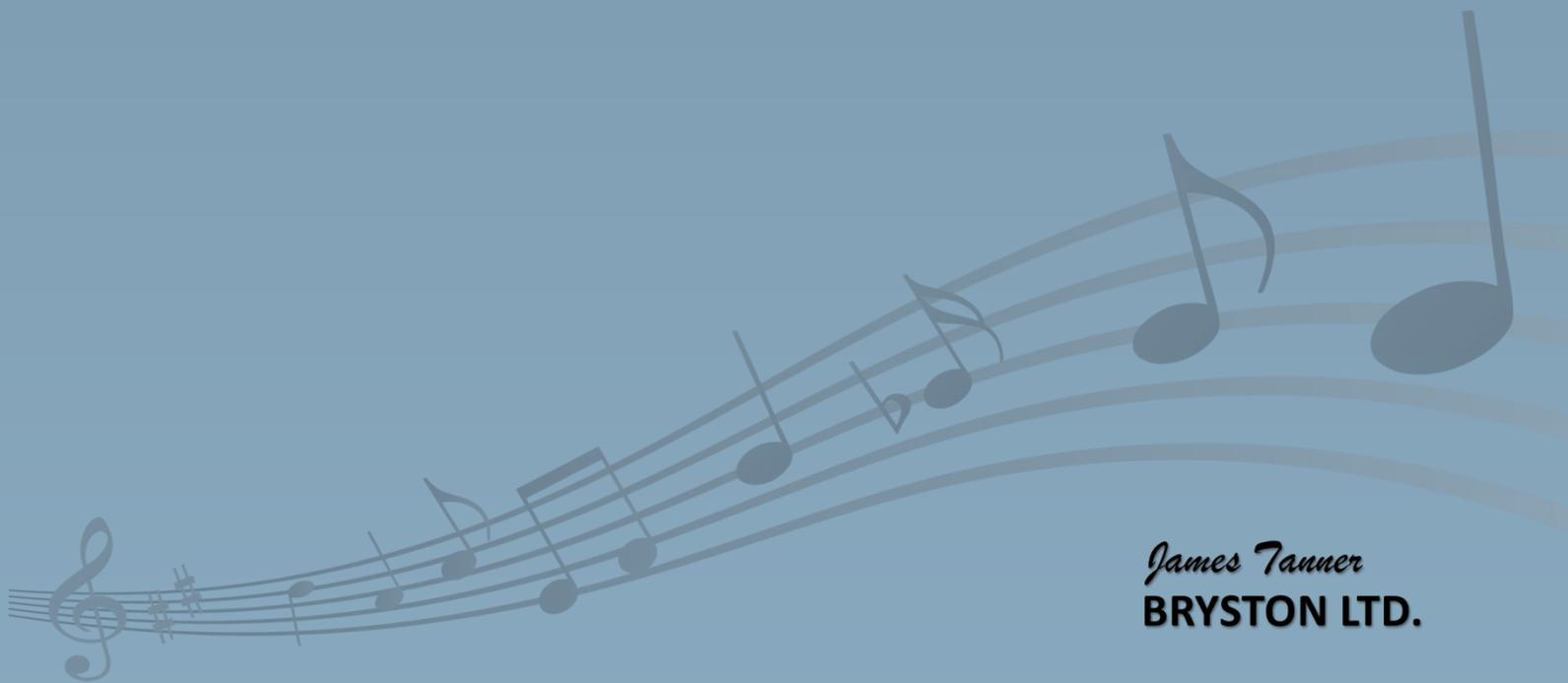
their headphones real performance, I tried various recordings all with the same effect, but when listening to the Eagles 'Hotel California' from the Hell Freezes Over CD, as an example, I was quite simply amazed at the clarity, separation, dynamics and detail that the BHA-1 was retrieving, it was simply astonishing.

I tried the BHA-1 with a Naim streamer connected via RCA's, it still sounded fantastic but was not in the same league as when connected to the BDP-1/BDA-1 combo, if you are into your headphones then I really believe this to be headphone nirvana, it is for me anyway.

Over here in the UK, the BHA-1 costs £1425 which I feel makes it the bargain of the century, especially at the moment when Bryston prices in the UK have been questioned a few times, as not only do you get a truly reference headphone amplifier but also a top end Pre-amp, you can't ask for more than that.

All in all though I'm amazed at the performance of the BHA-1, basically I've never heard my headphones driven properly, it is amazing how with the BHA-1 they came alive, well done to everyone involved at Bryston, **the BHA-1 really is a true reference product.** 🎧👍

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