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Octave Records Releases *The Audiophile Reference Disc* SACD and *Audiophile's Guide: The Stereo Book*

-- New reference test disc and how-to book provide a sonic reference, and details on getting the most out of a stereo audio system --

Boulder, Colorado, January 27, 2021 – PS Audio's [Octave Records](#) label announces its latest release, *The Audiophile Reference Disc*, created to help listeners get the best out of their stereo systems by providing reference-quality music and test tracks. The



release of the disc coincides with the debut of the book *Audiophile's Guide: The Stereo*, a comprehensive guide to system setup by PS Audio CEO Paul McGowan, and a companion to the disc.

The Audiophile Reference Disc (SRP: \$29) is playable on any CD, DVD, or Blu-ray player. It also has a high-resolution DSD layer that is accessible only using a PS Audio SACD transport, or by copying the DSD tracks on the included DVD data discs. In addition, the master

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DSD and PCM files are available for purchase and download from psaudio.com [at this link.](#)

The Audiophile Reference Disc begins with a series of tracks for basic system setup, including left, right and phantom center channel identification, and checking for correct phase (polarity). Subsequent tracks facilitate more sophisticated evaluations like in-room bass response, soundstage width and depth, system resolution and more.

The Audiophile Reference Disc was designed to be used in conjunction with *The Audiophile's Guide* book. The *Guide* details each step in the stereo setup instructional process, and a corresponding reference audio track is designated to check and verify the results. The disc and book go over every aspect of getting the most out of stereo system reproduction, from a single voice to the most complex and dynamic musical passages.

Recorded and mastered using Octave Records' exclusive DSDDirect Mastered 192kHz/24-bit process and 96kHz/24-bit and 44.1kHz/16-bit PCM, *The Audiophile Reference Disc* was produced using state-of-the-art high-resolution audio technology, with no effort spared to ensure its use as a true reference-quality system-evaluation tool.

[*Audiophile's Guide: The Stereo Book*](#) (SRP: \$29) is subtitled "Unlock the Secrets to Great Sound" and the book explains exactly how to do it. The *Guide* begins with a history of stereophonic sound and moves into chapters on what to listen for and how to achieve the best from an audio system, covering topics like establishing a budget, what to buy and what not to, analog vs. digital, tubes vs. solid-state, achieving a spacious "3-D" sound from loudspeakers, tuning the system to the listening room, system tweaking and fine-tuning and much more. The book can be read as a standalone reference, or used in conjunction with *The Audiophile Reference Disc*.

[Click here to order *The Audiophile Reference Disc*.](#)

[Click here to order *Audiophile's Guide: The Stereo Book*.](#)

If you're a member of the media and would like a review copy of *The Audiophile Reference Disc* or *Audiophile's Guide: The Stereo Book*, please contact Frank Doris at frank@psaudio.com or 631-645-5668.

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