

Micromega MyDAC

\$399

Micromega's new MyDAC brings an unprecedented level of sonic sophistication to the red-hot category of affordable USB DACs. Although there are many good-sounding and affordable DACs these days, MyDAC ups the ante with the bloom, dimensionality, air, soundstage size, and ease that had been the exclusive province of four-figure products. The top end is smooth and easy on the ears, making for a relaxing and engaging listening experience. The bass is tuneful and full, but isn't the last word in depth or authority. That's easily a worthwhile tradeoff for the sophisticated ease which this DAC is capable of. And unlike many high-end entry-level DACs, MyDAC's USB input is fully compatible with 192kHz/24-bit data rather than being limited to 96kHz/24-bit. We called MyDAC "The \$399 Miracle." Now we're calling it *The Absolute Sound's* Budget Component of the Year. (RH, 228)