

# **TONE**Audio AWARDS 2012

This past year has been an intriguing one, with excellent products throughout the price spectrum. The select components featured here are those most deserving of another look. Beyond our overall Product of the Year, which is a very expensive pair of speakers, the only other speaker we give an award to is in the Budget Speaker category. We felt it would be somewhat redundant to make a mega speaker our Overall Product of the Year and then give a Product of the Year award to another speaker.

Our awards are divided into Product of the Year Awards, for gear that redefines a category regardless of price, and Publisher's Choice Awards, which are my "teacher's pet" picks. PC awards are located on our website in the "Awards" Section. And we're already starting to think about 2013!

## 2012 Product of the Year OVERALL

### Sonus faber Aida

\$120,000/pair

[www.sonusfaber.com](http://www.sonusfaber.com)

[www.sumikoaudio.net](http://www.sumikoaudio.net)

Spending \$120,000 on a pair of speakers should provide a transcendent experience, and provided you have the room and system to back them up, the Aidas do just that. If we gave an award for visual design, Sonus faber would always be at the top of our list. But a beautiful package isn't enough to be at the top—these speakers also deliver sonically, and should be at the top of everyone's "best of" lists.

