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The 9th Annual *Positive Feedback Online's* Writers' Choice Awards for 2012 - The Best of the Best!

Beginning at the end of 2003, *PFO* established its first annual awards for fine audio. The Brutus Award was established for the best that Dave Clark and I had heard in our own listening rooms during that year. You can think of it as our equivalent of an "Editors' Choice" award.

The Gizmo Award, on the other hand, was established in memory of my very good audio friend, Harvey "Gizmo" Rosenberg, and is given by me to the most conspicuous *audiomaniac(s)* of the year. Only one Gizmo is given per year.

The following is an opportunity for our editors and writers to recognize superior merit in the audio arts through their "Writers' Choice Awards". Our writers and reviewers have been given broad leeway to cite excellence in fine audio wherever they find it: products, people, recordings, events, groups, etc., so that our readers can be better informed.

It is our hope that you will find the *PFO* Writers' Choice Awards to be helpful to you in your audio journey.

All the best,

David W. Robinson, Editor-in-Chief

John Acton

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Audioengine D2 Premium 24-Bit Wireless DAC

Ok, so maybe I have shown an immoderate affection for Audioengine's wares, and, hey, how many awards am I going to give them? Still, fair's fair, and this wireless DAC has been nothing less than a daily marvel since it arrived for review. Like the Davone Mojos, the Audioengine D2 is one of those music products that carves out distinction on its own terms. Although cheaper wireless options exist, the D2 frees you of their attendant proprietary restrictions and hours of searching for work-around downloads to just play your damn music. There are lots of reasons why someone would want a reliable wireless DAC option, specifically when the D2 gives a beautiful and substantial rendering of music, to boot. Unbox it, plug it in, click-click, and you're streaming really fine wireless sound throughout the home. One of my favorite DACs at this price, and the wireless option makes it a worthy recipient of a Writer's Choice Award. \$599, Cables include, 30-day audition

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