



## Cabasse La Sphere First Impressions

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*...and a real joy to have the new Cabasse La Sphère system which is now available to buy for just under £200,000.*

To paraphrase RoboCop's tagline - Part abstract sculpture, part exercise in point-source audio, all premium 4-way floorstanding speaker system. The latest La Sphère speakers from Cabasse are sure to be a talking point. Although, unlike its previous 2006 incarnation, if you were to order the Gallic giants from Harrods, you get so much more.



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D power amplifier (actually Bel Canto units) for each driver, so eight in total. Then you get a Cabasse Digital Signal Processor, Cabasse Stream One music streamer, and a **Parasound** P6 pre-amp. All the wiring is Kimber Kable to match La Sphère's Kimber Kable internal wiring. So, also included in the bundle are four pairs of Kimber Kable speaker cables and all the required interconnects, Russ Andrews Evolution mains cables (to be released in a couple of days) and distro blocks - yup, even these use Kimber Kable! Also, last but by no means least, a lovely **Quadraspire** rack to put all your electronics on.



The 98kg speakers (those are the Peal and Peal Akoya in the photo above) are made up of a 1-inch dome diaphragm tweeter at the centre with a pair of

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but the bass driver is capable of 20Hz in "open space conditions".

Cabasse boasts that La Sphère is the world's only true point-source four-way speaker, with one acoustic centre, absolute linear phase, optimum impulse response and perfect spatial coherency.

Cabasse La Sphère design





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spherical enclosure is coupled to a helical die-cast aluminium stand, which positions the speaker at the perfect height for listening with absolute authenticity, according to **Christophe Cabasse**.

To ensure you get the very best from the system, each La Sphère system delivery is accompanied by a Cabasse acoustician who carefully adapts the response of the digital parametric filters to perfectly suit the room.

## Sound quality first impressions



Even in the restricted environment of the bijou

Manu Dibango's live recording of *Andy's Tune*. Here

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pièce de résistance was a surprise appearance by **Manu Dibango's** live recording of *Andy's Tune*. Here the groove was so firmly in the pocket I could feel my 'funk face' coming on. The drums stopped and started on a dime and the slap-funk bass had bite and attack aplenty.

As you might expect from a spherical speaker, even off-axis performance is impressive and, thanks to the point source output, the timing was, well, on point. The soundstaging was not only broad and high, but there is a notable depth to the audio imaging too.

Every which way you cut La Sphère, they are remarkable speakers.

## Price and availability

You can order yours now from Harrods for £197,500 in white pearl, black pearl or glossy black. Naturally, custom finishes are available at an additional premium.

For more information, head on over to [Cabasse](#).

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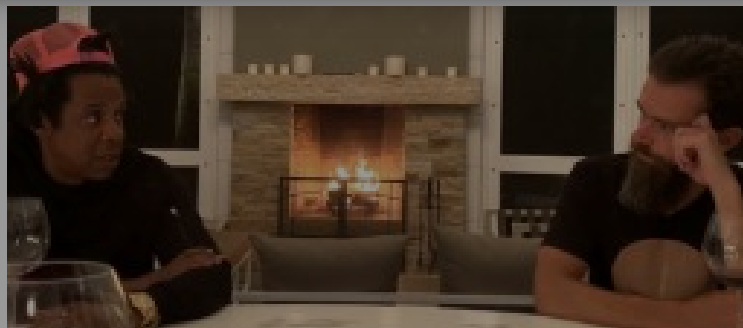
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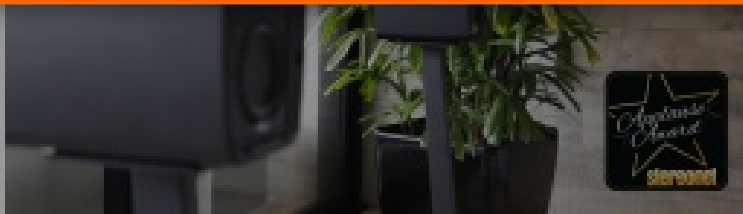
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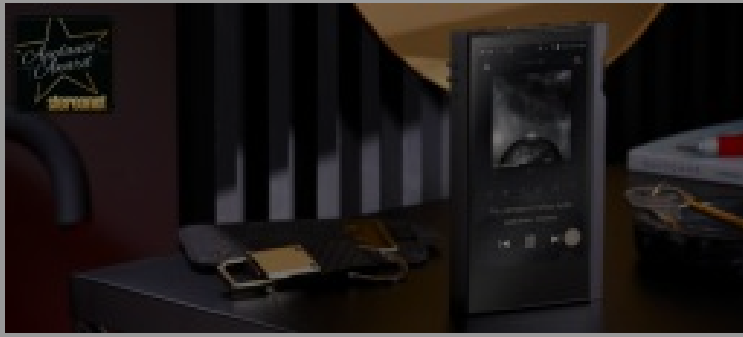
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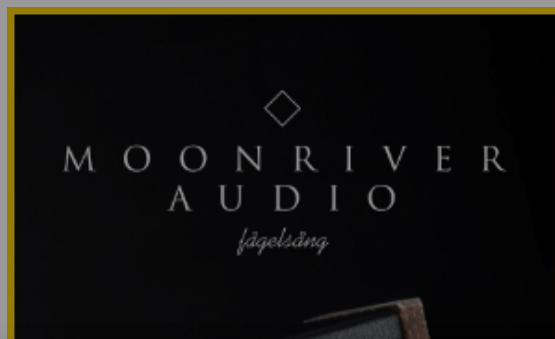
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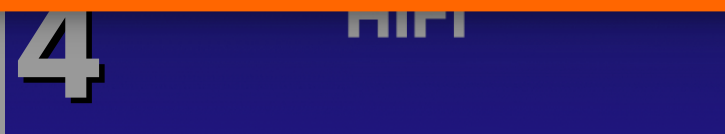
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