

## iFi Audio

## Aurora music system system

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esigned by innovative French industrial designer Julien Haziza, the iFi Audio Aurora system is a compact, single-chassis surrogate for full-fledged, two-channel loudspeaker-based audio systems. It's highly versatile and features a host of inputs, including Ethernet, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Apple Airplay... the works. But it's the striking industrial design that captures most people's attention. The centre panel of the Aurora offers alternating horizontal strips of bamboo and black Perspex, with three narrow strips of black below and one much broader band of black above. The narrower black strips offer rear-illuminated touch controls for the Aurora's many features and functions, while the broader black band conceals an OLED display panel plus a viewing window for its valve-powered preamp section. As you can imagine, the Aurora makes a great first impression when you first see it powered up in a darkened room.

In his test, Chris Martens was impressed by the complete Aurora concept, saying, "I must say I found Aurora to be a stunning and satisfying product. For those who want a richly rewarding hi-fi experience without the cost, complexity, and size of a full-fledged speaker-based audio system, Aurora offers a delightful alternative."



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