



The Best High-End Audio Accessories for your iPod at HE 2006

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Things that Make your iPod Go "Mmmmmmmmm"

No, this isn't about cheap cases and retractable cables, The Home Entertainment show in Los Angeles was all about high-end audio, and some of these tasty audiophile treats make excellent companions for your iPod. When you want to get the most enjoyable sound and the most accurate performance out of your portable music collection, look to one or more of these products.

Liquid-Cooled Goodness

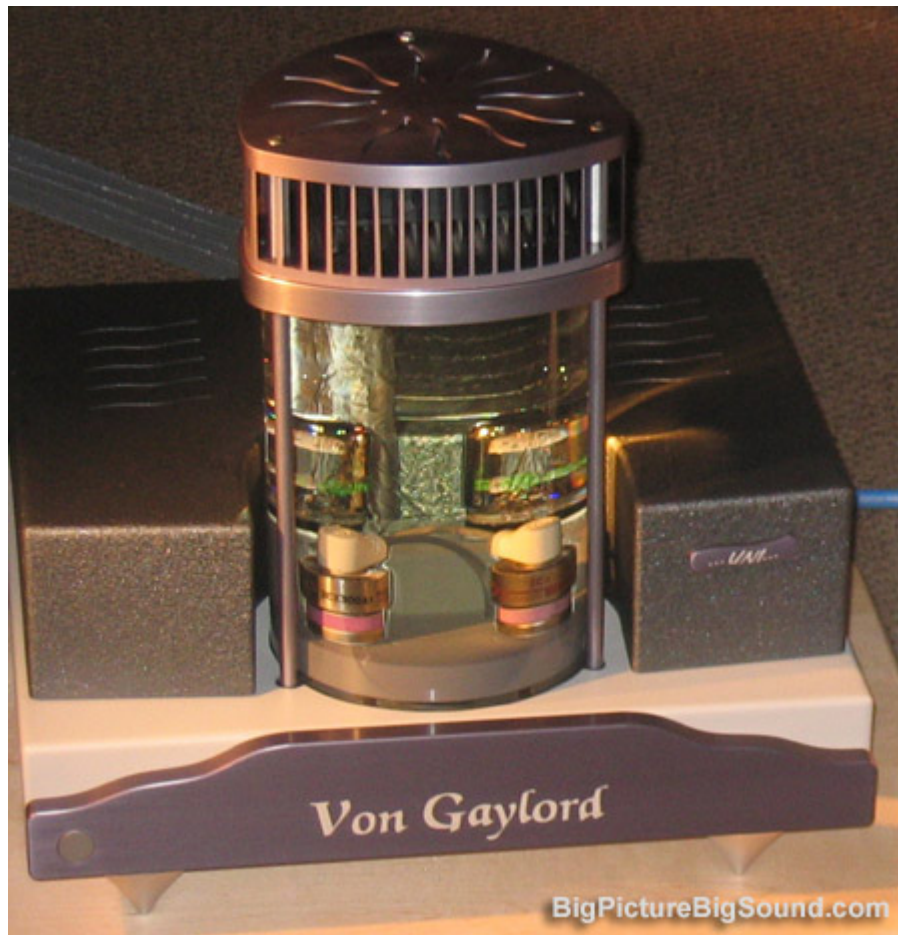
When you finally stop moving, your music doesn't have to. Just plug your iPod into its home dock, and plug that into **Von Gaylord Audio's** Uni Signature Edition liquid-cooled tube amplifiers (\$59,000/pr) driving your favorite high-end mini-monitors, like say, [Von Gaylord Audio's](#) Legend Mark II, Series 2.



Von Gaylord's Uni amplifiers with Legend loudspeakers.

Sure, the amps are close to 200 times the cost of the iPod, but top-of-the-line sound and unique looks don't come cheap. The amps are claimed to be not only the first liquid-cooled tube amplifiers but also the most powerful triode-based tube design available at 200 Watts Per Channel. And if you turn out the lights, you'll enjoy your system even more by the warm glow of the power tubes radiating waves of heat

through the clear dielectric fluid.



Von Gaylord Audio's liquid-cooled Uni Special Edition (\$59,000/pr).

Not to be outdone, the Legend Mark II Series 2 mini-monitors (\$3,995) also make a visual impression in such funky colors as metallic green, purple, or orange. There's even an optional Chameleon color (\$1000 extra) which changes color when viewed from different angles. The system sounds great no matter what you feed it - black vinyl, silver discs or an iPod.

Next Stop, Planet Earth

Back in a little place I like to call "reality," **Aperion Audio** also recognized the potential of the iPod add-on market, showing off a **Sonic Impact** Super-T amplifier (\$159) driving a pair of Aperion's own Intimus 422-LR Satellite Speakers (\$200/pr, in Cherry or gloss black finish). Even without a subwoofer, these little guys were pumping out some solid sounds from your basic garden-variety iPod mini.