

70's Themed Member's Music Night

Review by David Das

I had a terrific time at the 70's Themed Member's Music Night Event held inside the Parish Hall of the Faith Lutheran Church on Thursday, September 25, 2025.



The highlight of the evening was the sound from legendary JBL L65 Jubal Loudspeakers that were manufactured between 1974 and 1977.

Each JBL L65 speaker features a 12-inch 126A Woofer with a 3-inch copper voice coil that handles the low end. The critical vocal midrange is handled by a powerful 5-inch LE5-5 cone transducer. The crown jewel of the JBL L65 is the legendary 077 "Crystal Slot" tweeter with a horizontal radiation pattern spanning 130 degrees at 15kHz.

The JBL L65 is a super dynamic speaker that can reach loudness levels of a live event while maintaining its composure and clarity.

David Snyder's next door neighbor, **Craig Kreml**, is also an audiophile. Craig was kind enough to loan his pair of JBL L65s for this Club Event.

David Snyder came in early to set up his portable streaming solution with Diretta to work with the JBL L65 speakers.



These speakers are voiced to be sitting on the floor. They had to be elevated to allow members seated in the back rows to hear them properly. David compensated for the loss of base with an SVS 3000 Micro subwoofer.



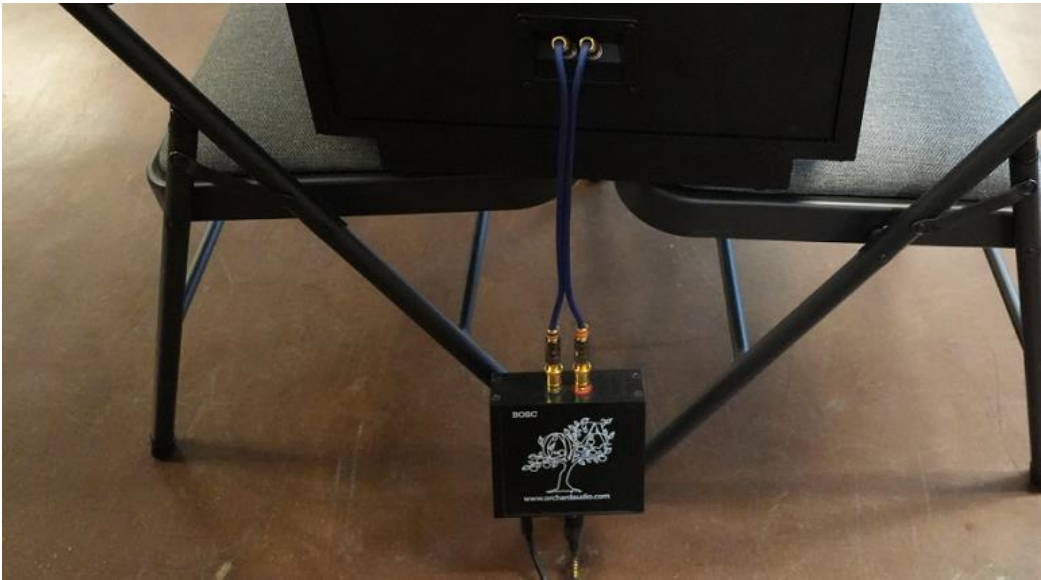
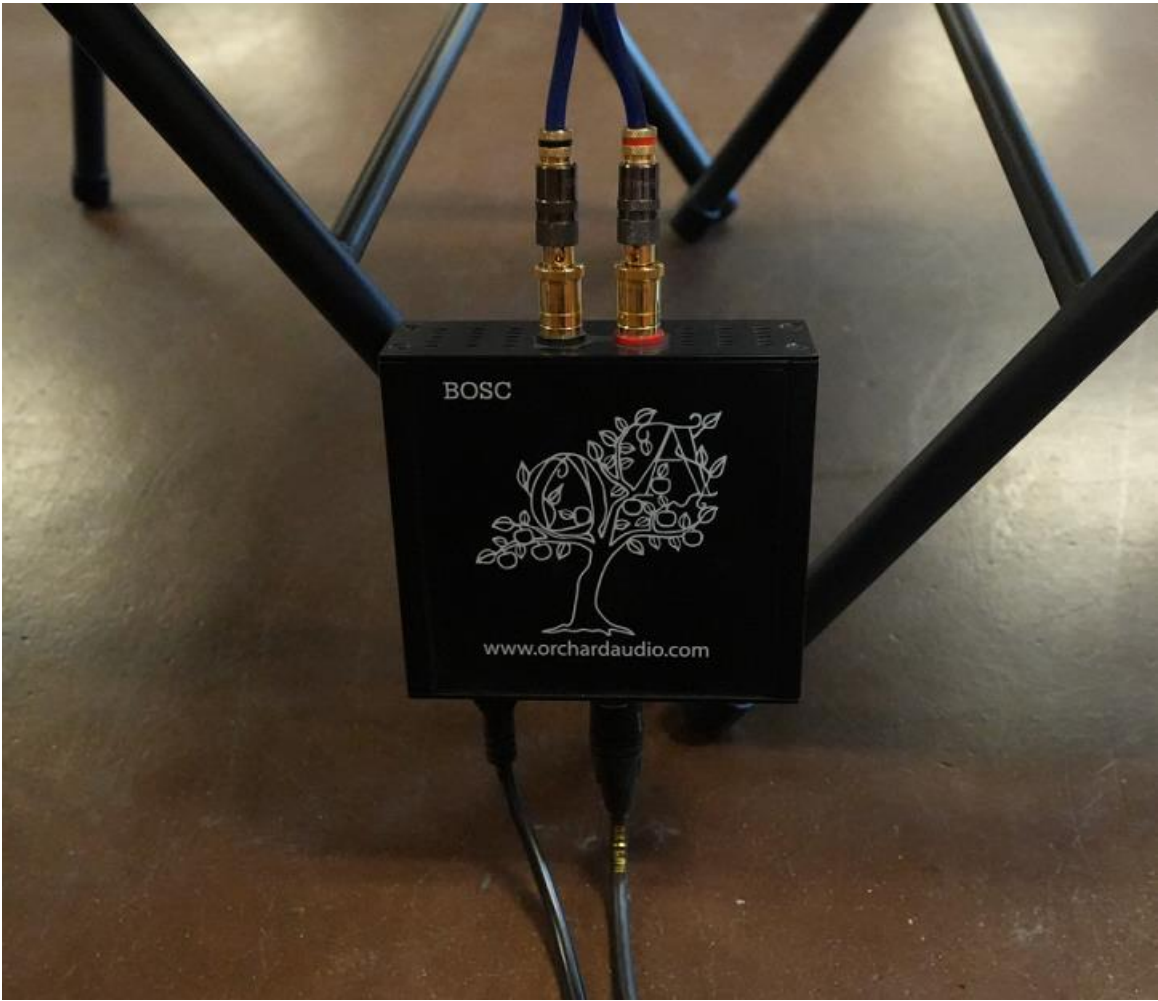


The original JBL L65 speakers costing \$375 a pair came with spring loaded speaker terminals.

David's audiophile neighbor retrofitted his pair with 5-way binding posts.



Each speaker was powered by a Orchard Audio Monoblock power amp.



David used his cell phone to set up a Wi-Fi hotspot for streaming music from Tidal and Qobuz.



This was the GL.iNet Slate GL-AR750S-Ext Travel Router.



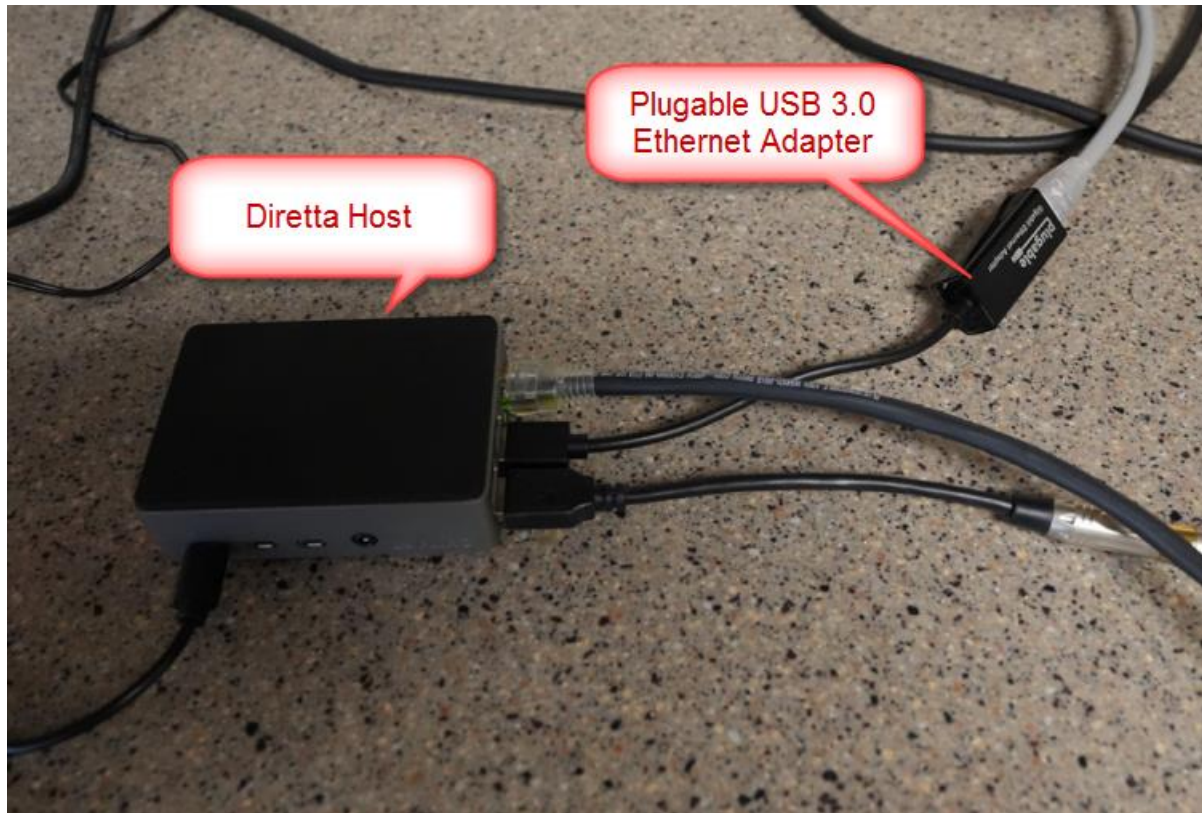
This was the GMKTec NucBox G5 (N97) Roon Server.



An [iFi SilentPower LAN iPurifier Pro](#) was used to provide optical network isolation between the Roon Server and the Diretta Host.



This was the Diretta Host.



The gray Ethernet Cable from the Network Filter Box fed into the Diretta Host via the Plugable USB 3.0 Ethernet Adapter.

David used the **FLIRC** Raspberry cases for his Diretta Host and Target pair rather than his usual **Argon ONE** cases for this demo event.

The Argon ONE cases look more aesthetic. They were showcased in the **Beyond the Bits: Taming Your Network for Superior Sound** Club Event on August 28, 2025. Here is a link to my 54-page review article with all the pictures.

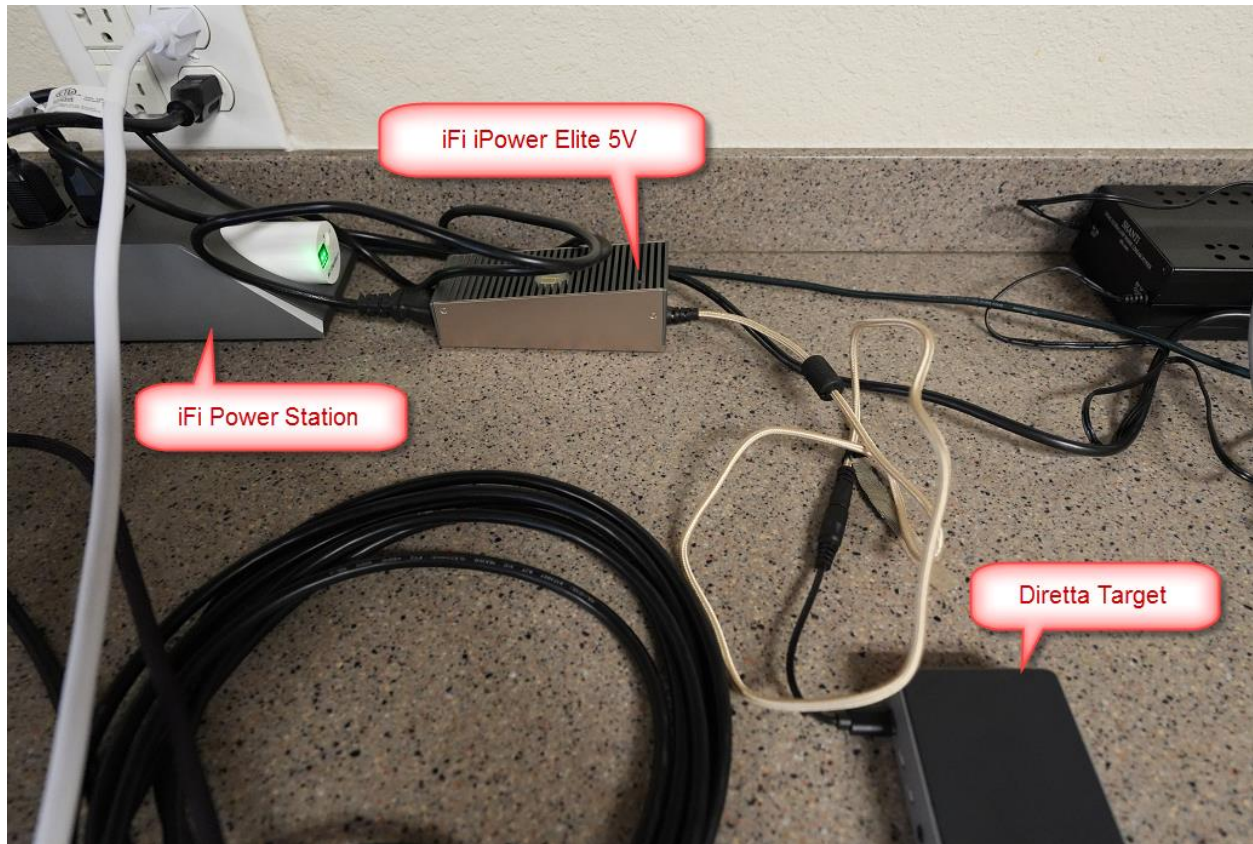
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I would recommend choosing the **Argon ONE** cases (Option 3 – Argon40) should you decide to have David build your Diretta solution.

This was the Diretta Target using the FLIRC case.



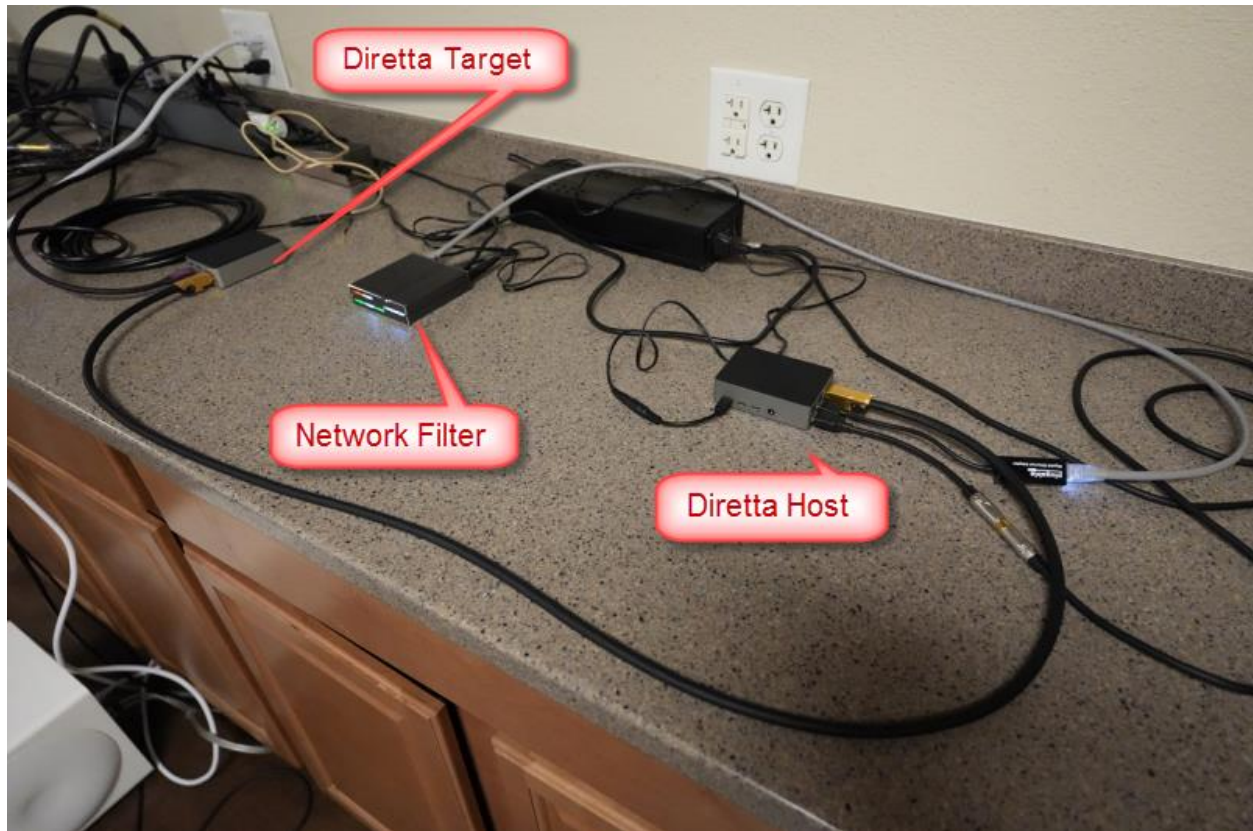
This was the [iFi iPower Elite 5V](#) providing clean power to the Diretta Target.



The iFi iPower Elite 5V unit was connected to the [iFi Power Station](#) Active Power Conditioner.

David certainly does not compromise when it comes to power supply and cables!

This picture shows the Network Filter Box ([iFi SilentPower LAN iPurifier Pro](#)), Diretta Host and Diretta Target.



This was the signal flow path of the portable Music Streaming Setup:

Internet (Cell Phone) → Travel Router → Roon Server → Network Filter → Diretta Host → Diretta Target → DAC → Pre Amp → Power Amp → Speakers

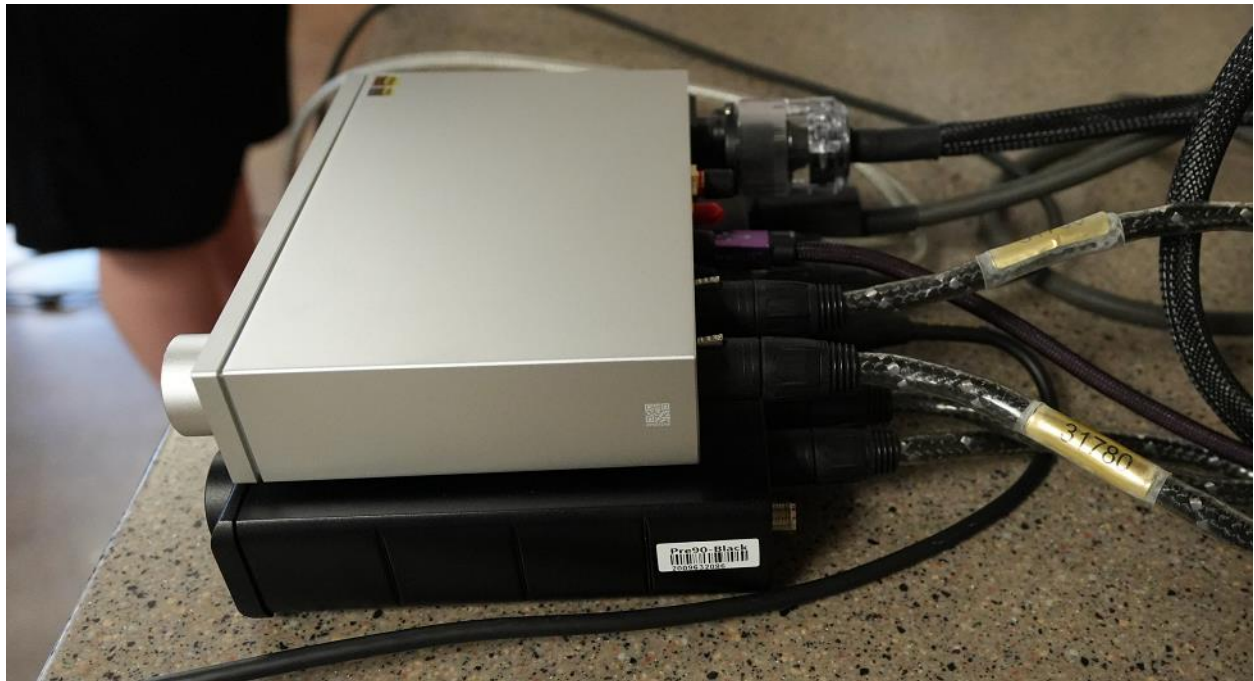
Note: The Network Filter Box was used to provide optical network isolation between the Roon Server and the Diretta Host.

This was the brand new [TOPPING DX5 II](#) H-Res DAC & Headphone Amp featuring dual ES9039Q2M DACs that David purchased for this event.

The TOPPING DAC is resting on top of the [TOPPING Pre90](#) Preamp



XLR balanced cables were used for all connections.



This was the [SVS 3000 Micro Sealed Subwoofer](#) with Fully Active Dual 8-inch Drivers



All controls on this SVS sub can be remotely accessed using a Tablet. David used his ears to dial in the subwoofer level and cut off frequency until the bass response blended in seamlessly with the JBL L65 speakers in their elevated positions.

The Dell XPS 15 Laptop was used only for the initial setup and testing of the network.



A Google Pixel Tablet was used to access the ROON Server via the ROON Remote App.



David began the listening session promptly at 7pm after a brief introduction by Club President John Harvell.

David offered each member a chance to sit at the sweet spot and listen to one of their favorite tracks and briefly discuss the reasoning behind their specific selection of music from the 70s.

Here is a list of 20 Songs that were played in the order they were requested.

1.

I'm Not In Love by 10cc



20th Century Masters: The Millennium Collection
10cc

Released by **Island Records** on December 31, 2001
Pop • 11 Tracks • 51m 44s

Available in
16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

2.

September – Earth, Wind & Fire



September
Earth, Wind & Fire

Released by **Columbia - Legacy** on April 16, 2018
R&B • 15 Tracks • 01h 03m 20s

Available in
16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

3.
Mamma Mia – ABBA



The Singles
ABBA

Released by **Polar Music International AB** on October 24, 2024
Pop • 38 Tracks • 02h 28m 42s

Available in

HiRes AUDIO 24 bits
96.0 kHz - Stereo

4.
This Is It – Kenny Loggins



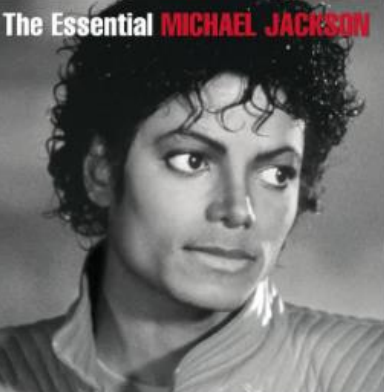
Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow
Kenny Loggins

Released by **Columbia** on March 24, 1997
Pop/Rock • 15 Tracks • 01h 07m 01s

Available in

 16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

5.
Rock With You – Michael Jackson



The Essential Michael Jackson
Michael Jackson

Released by **Epic - Legacy** on July 17, 2005
Soul • 38 Tracks • 02h 39m 08s

Available in

HiRes AUDIO 24 bits
96.0 kHz - Stereo

6.
Déjà vu – Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young




Déjà vu
Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
Dallas Taylor & Greg Kerses

Released by **Rhino Atlantic** on March 10, 1970
Rock • 10 Tracks • 36m 16s

Available in
Hi-Res AUDIO 24 bits
192.0 kHz - Stereo

7.
Where Is the Love – Roberta Flack & Donny Hathaway




ROBERTA FLACK & DONNY HATHAWAY
Where Is the Love

Released by **Rhino Atlantic** on April 30, 1972
Soul • 10 Tracks • 43m 52s

Available in
Hi-Res AUDIO 24 bits
96.0 kHz - Stereo

8.
Jealous Guy – Donny Hathaway



DONNY HATHAWAY
Live

Released by **Rhino Atlantic** on September 30, 2002
Soul • 8 Tracks • 52m 41s

Available in
Hi-Res AUDIO 24 bits
96.0 kHz - Stereo

9.
Hello It's Me – Todd Rundgren



The Very Best of Todd Rundgren
Todd Rundgren

Released by **Rhino** on July 21, 1997
Pop • 16 Tracks • 01h 01m 25s

Available in
16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

10.
Back Together Again – Roberta Flack




The Very Best of Roberta Flack
Roberta Flack

Released by **Rhino Atlantic** on November 24, 2022
Pop • 16 Tracks • 01h 13m 30s

Available in
16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

11.
Rhayader – Camel



The Snow Goose
Camel

Released by **Decca Music Group Ltd.** on April 30, 1975
Pop • 21 Tracks • 01h 07m 38s

Available in
16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

12.

Give Up The Funk – Parliament



The Best Of Parliament: Give Up The Funk
Parliament

Released by **Island Mercury** on December 31, 1994
R&B • 14 Tracks • 01h 18m 03s

Available in

16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

13.

I Wouldn't Change a Thing – Johnny Bristol



Feeling The Magic
Johnny Bristol

Released by **Polydor** on December 31, 1974
R&B • 10 Tracks • 32m 10s

Available in

16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

14.

I've Been Searchin' So Long – Chicago



The Very Best of Chicago: Only the Beginning
Chicago

Released by **Rhino** on July 1, 2002
Pop • 39 Tracks • 02h 37m 08s

Available in

16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

15.
Lovely Day – Bill Withers



The Essential BILL WITHERS

The Essential Bill Withers

Bill Withers

Released by **Columbia - Legacy** on August 19, 2013
Soul • 34 Tracks • 02h 15m 02s

Available in

 16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

16.
One of These Nights – Eagles



EAGLES
One of These Nights

One Of These Nights (Hi-Res Version)

Eagles

Released by **Rhino - Elektra** on June 9, 1975
Pop • 9 Tracks • 42m 56s

Available in

 24 bits
96.0 kHz - Stereo

17.
Another Brick In The Wall – Pink Floyd



Pulse

Pink Floyd


Released by **Columbia - Legacy** on June 12, 1995
Rock • 25 Tracks • 02h 34m 52s

Available in

 24 bits
192.0 kHz - Stereo

18.

Crime Of The Century – Supertramp



Crime Of The Century [2014 - HD Remaster]
Supertramp

Released by **Universal Music Group International** on August 31, 1974
Pop • 8 Tracks • 44m 15s

Available in
Hi-Res AUDIO 24 bits
192.0 kHz - Stereo

19.

In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida – Iron Butterfly



In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida
Iron Butterfly

Released by **Rhino Atlantic** on May 31, 1968
Hard Rock • 6 Tracks • 36m 11s

Available in
16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

20.

Roundabout – Yes



Fragile
Yes

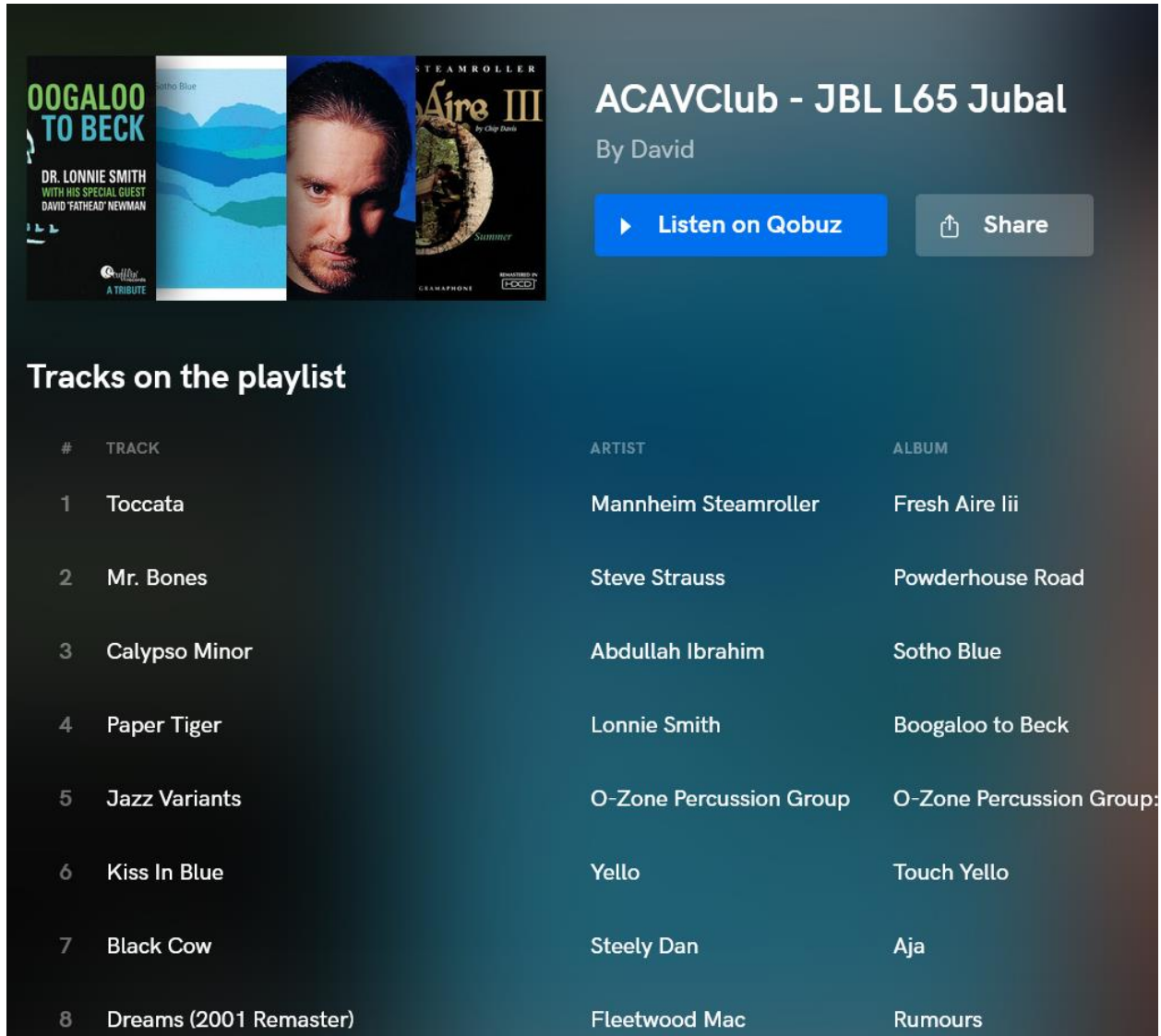
Released by **Rhino - Elektra** on January 3, 1972
Pop/Rock • 9 Tracks • 41m 15s

Available in
16-Bit CD Quality
44.1 kHz - Stereo

David made a playlist of all the songs that were played at this event including the ones that were played during the initial setup.

Qobuz Playlist

<https://open.qobuz.com/playlist/38273982>



ACAVClub - JBL L65 Jubal
By David

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Tracks on the playlist

#	TRACK	ARTIST	ALBUM
1	Toccata	Mannheim Steamroller	Fresh Aire Iii
2	Mr. Bones	Steve Strauss	Powderhouse Road
3	Calypso Minor	Abdullah Ibrahim	Sotho Blue
4	Paper Tiger	Lonnie Smith	Boogaloo to Beck
5	Jazz Variants	O-Zone Percussion Group	O-Zone Percussion Group:
6	Kiss In Blue	Yello	Touch Yello
7	Black Cow	Steely Dan	Aja
8	Dreams (2001 Remaster)	Fleetwood Mac	Rumours

Tidal Playlist

<https://tidal.com/playlist/c943469d-130e-4d49-ad0d-b797057fb1b8>

The screenshot shows a Tidal playlist interface. At the top, the playlist title 'ACAVClub - JBL L65 Jubal' is displayed in white text on a dark background. Below the title, it indicates 'user' and '36 TRACKS (3:00:10)'. There are two buttons: 'Play' and 'Shuffle'. A search bar below the buttons contains the text 'Filter playlist on title, artist or album'. The main content is a list of tracks with columns for '#', 'TITLE', 'ARTIST', and 'ALBUM'. The first six tracks are visible:

#	TITLE	ARTIST	ALBUM
1	 Toccata	Mannheim Steamroller	Fresh Aire Iii (Digital Only)
2	 Mr. Bones	Steve Strauss	Powderhouse Road
3	 Calypso Minor	Abdullah Ibrahim	Sotho Blue
4	 Paper Tiger	Lonnie Smith, David "Fathead" Ne...	Boogaloo to Beck
5	 Jazz Variants	O-Zone Percussion Group	O-Zone Percussion Group..
6	 Kiss In Blue	YELLO, Heidi Happy	Touch Yello (Deluxe)

The JBL L65 Jubal speakers did a spectacular job bringing back nostalgic memories from the 70s. From the very first song that was played you could tell these speakers were meant to rock. They easily filled up the entire Parish Hall with clean undistorted sound.

There is a reason why these speakers became legendary. They would cost \$2,000 in today's dollars.

Here is a [Good Doc](#) provided by David Snyder to learn more about the JBL L65 speakers.

A Journey in Sound: Celebrating the JBL L65 Jubal and the Music of the 1970s

Section 1: The Heart of the Matter – A Profile of the JBL L65 Jubal

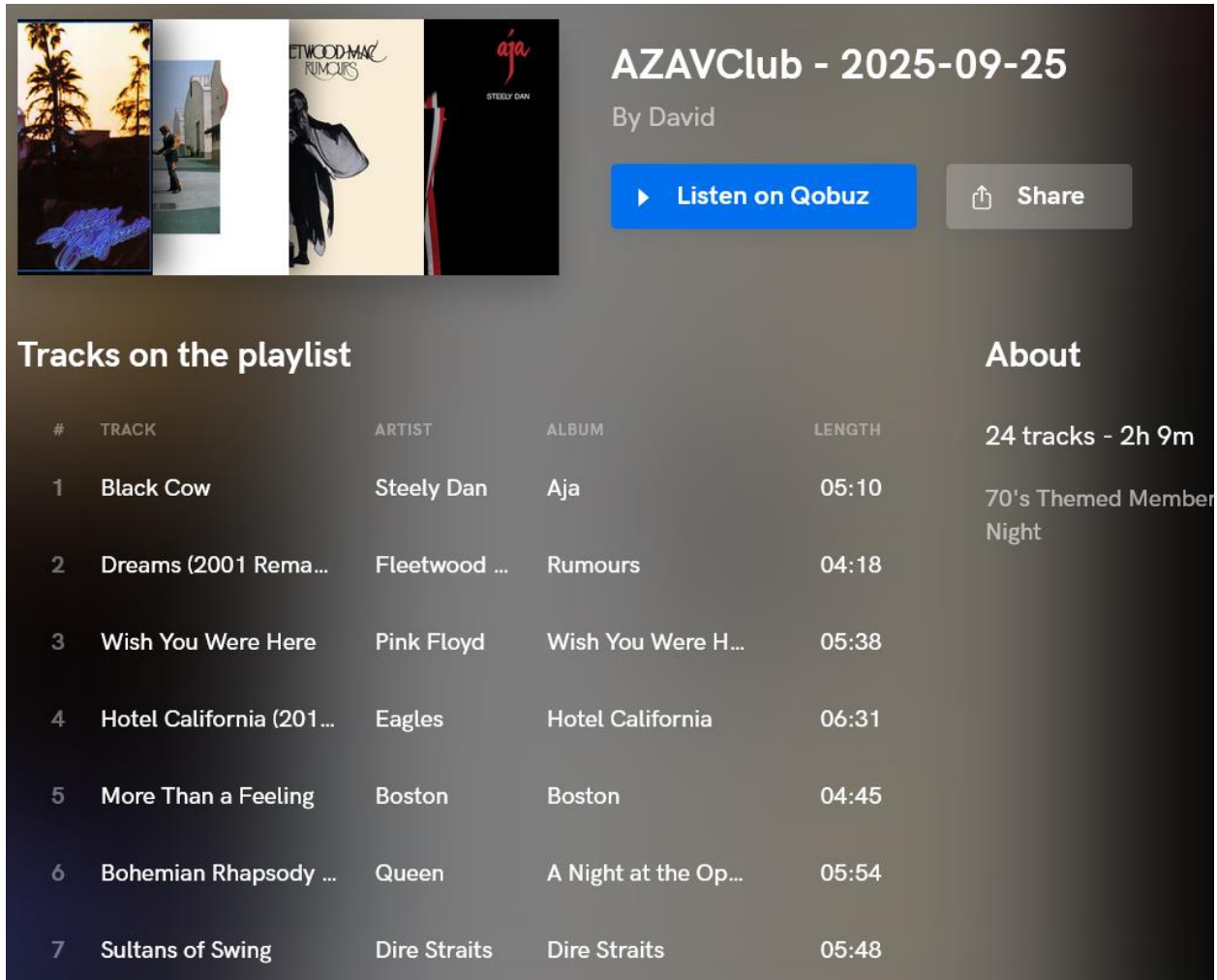


An Icon of the Golden Age of Hi-Fi (1974-1977)

David had initially prepared 24 tracks for the 70's Theme Member's Listening Night.

Here is the [Qobuz Playlist](#).

<https://open.qobuz.com/playlist/36690856>



AZAVClub - 2025-09-25
By David

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Tracks on the playlist

#	TRACK	ARTIST	ALBUM	LENGTH
1	Black Cow	Steely Dan	Aja	05:10
2	Dreams (2001 Rema...	Fleetwood ...	Rumours	04:18
3	Wish You Were Here	Pink Floyd	Wish You Were H...	05:38
4	Hotel California (201...	Eagles	Hotel California	06:31
5	More Than a Feeling	Boston	Boston	04:45
6	Bohemian Rhapsody ...	Queen	A Night at the Op...	05:54
7	Sultans of Swing	Dire Straits	Dire Straits	05:48

About

24 tracks - 2h 9m

70's Themed Member Night





This is the **Tidal Playlist**:

<https://tidal.com/playlist/86e64ef8-a08d-4e3e-8ec6-0416ccdec616>

AZAVClub - 2025-09-25
user
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24 TRACKS (2:09:52)

Play **Shuffle** **Add** **More**

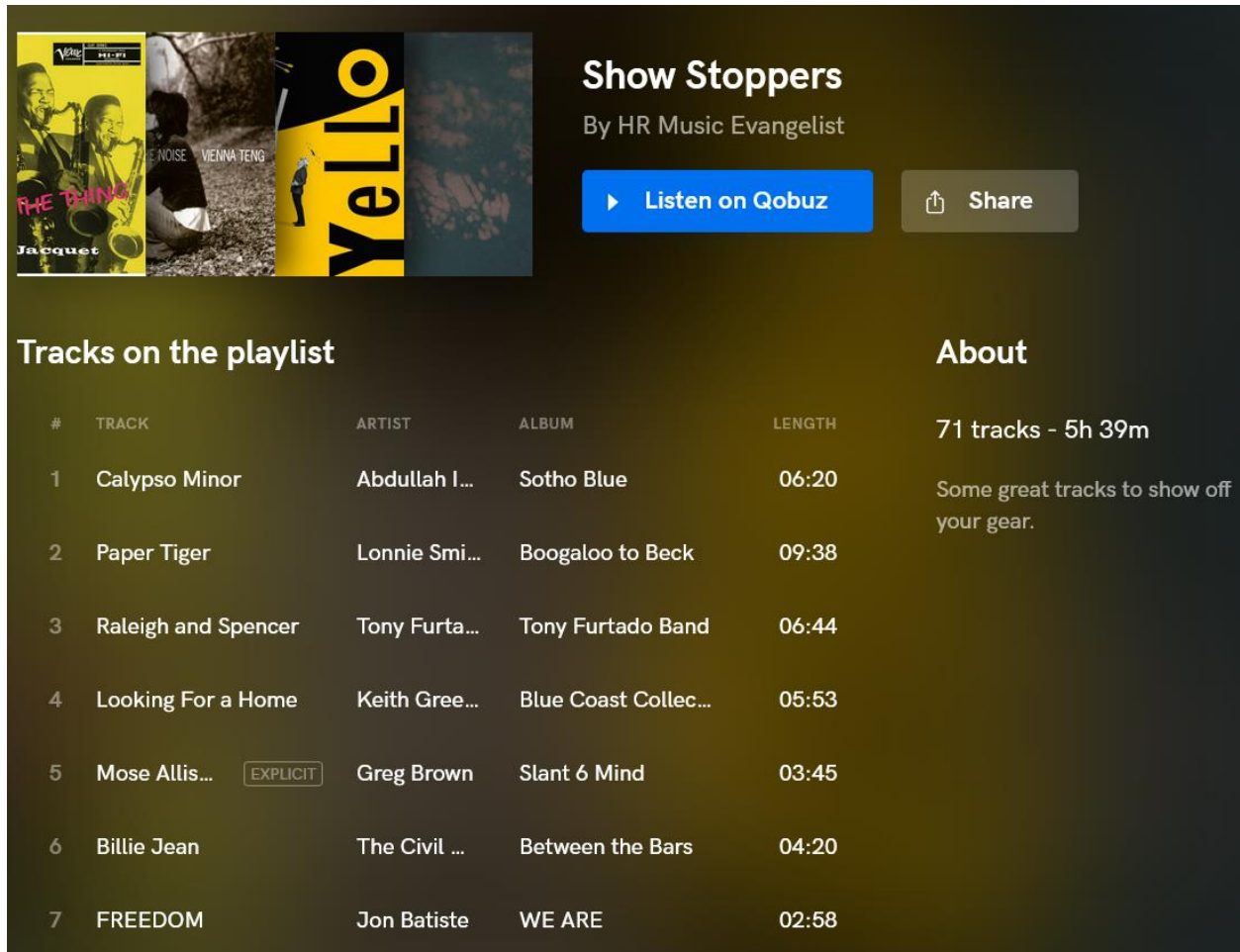
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#	TITLE	ARTIST	
1	 Black Cow	Steely Dan	♡
2	 Dreams (2001 Remaster)	Fleetwood Mac	♡
3	 Wish You Were Here	Pink Floyd	♡
4	 Hotel California (2013 Remaster)	Eagles	♡

In addition, David shared a “Show Stoppers” playlist with me with 71 tracks that provides almost 6 hours of quality music.

This is the link to the [Qobuz Playlist](#).

<https://open.qobuz.com/playlist/9292025>



Show Stoppers

By HR Music Evangelist

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Tracks on the playlist

#	TRACK	ARTIST	ALBUM	LENGTH
1	Calypso Minor	Abdullah I...	Sotho Blue	06:20
2	Paper Tiger	Lonnie Smi...	Boogaloo to Beck	09:38
3	Raleigh and Spencer	Tony Furta...	Tony Furtado Band	06:44
4	Looking For a Home	Keith Gree...	Blue Coast Collec...	05:53
5	Mose Allis... EXPLICIT	Greg Brown	Slant 6 Mind	03:45
6	Billie Jean	The Civil ...	Between the Bars	04:20
7	FREEDOM	Jon Batiste	WE ARE	02:58

About

71 tracks - 5h 39m

Some great tracks to show off your gear.

David was kind enough to convert the “Show Stoppers” playlist to a **Tidal Playlist**.

<https://tidal.com/playlist/e5b31983-0059-4b9d-a21a-5a281e71e2cb>

The screenshot shows a Tidal playlist interface. At the top, the playlist title "Show Stoppers" is displayed in large white font, followed by the user name "user". Below the title, there are four album covers: "Abdullah Ibrahim & Ekaya: Soho Blue", "BOOGALOO TO BECK: DR. LONNIE SMITH WITH HIS SPECIAL GUEST DAVID 'FATHEAD' NEWMAN A TRIBUTE", "TOMY FURTADO BAND", and "Blue Coast Collection". The playlist description reads "Some great tracks to show off your gear." and indicates "70 TRACKS (5:31:33)".

Below the description are control buttons: "Play", "Shuffle", "Add", "Share", and "More". A search bar is present with the placeholder text "Filter playlist on title, artist or album".

The track list is as follows:

#	TITLE	ARTIST
1	Calypso Minor	Abdullah Ibrahim
2	Paper Tiger	Lonnie Smith, David "Fat..."
3	Raleigh and Spencer	Tony Furtado
4	Looking For A Home	Keith Greeninger, Dayan ...

Here are David's instructions on how to add the "**Show Stoppers**" playlist to your ROON UI.

To play either of these in Roon, you'll need to click on the link corresponding to the service you're using in Roon. Once on the streaming service page, login if you're not already logged in.

If you don't still have the playlist open, come back to the email and click on the link again. From there, you should be able to "**favorite**" or "**heart**" the playlist to add it to your library on the streaming service.

Next, go back to Roon and open the Services tab under Roon Settings. Click "**Edit**" next to whatever service you're using and then click the "**Sync library now**" link.

After doing so, the "Show Stoppers" playlist should appear on the left hand side of the Roon UI. You can use the "..." menu to change the sorting to "Name" to make the playlist easier to find. I think the default is "Date modified", which I've yet to find useful.

Note: If you have purchased the Diretta Solution with the IR Remote from David, you can grab this remote and skip to the next track from the playlist without having to open the Roon App on your Smart Phone or Tablet.

I love having this convenience.

List of Equipment used for the event:

Loudspeakers

- JBL L65 Jubals
- Spool of Speaker Cable with stripper tools (backup)

Amplification

- Orchard Audio locking banana speaker cables, 12 inches
- Orchard Audio monoblock amps and external power supplies
- Two 25' power cables
- Two 15' Mogami Gold XLR cables
- New Topping Pre90 Analog Preamp + Remote and Batteries
- Straight Wire Grey Lightning Power Cable (from X16)
- Two .5M Straight Wire Virtuoso 2 balanced interconnects

Source

- New Topping DX5 II DAC + Remote
- Straight Wire Black Thunder II Power Cable
- XLO UltraPLUS USB Cable
- iFi Pulsar USB Cable
- Diretta Host + Target Demo Kit with BJC 7 ft Ethernet
- iFi SilentPower LAN iPurifier Pro and iSilencer (why not?)
- AudioQuest Forest Ethernet Cable
- Allo Shanti 5V//3A LPS for Diretta Host and LAN iPurifier Pro
- iFi SilentPower iPower Elite 5V for Diretta Target
- iFi Audio PowerStation
- Emotiva Power Cord

Music Server

- GL.iNet Slate GL-AR750S-Ext travel router
- Micro USB to USB A cable + 5V power adapter for the travel router
- GMKTec NucBox G5 (N97) Roon Server with 512 GB microSD card containing demo music
- 12V power supply for Roon Server
- CAT6 Ethernet cables for Roon Server and Endpoint
- USB C to A cable for USB tethering from my phone (for Roon Server and Qobuz)
- Google Pixel Tablet for Roon Remote app
- Cable Matters 4 Outlet Power Splitter Cord (for all of the wall wart power supplies)
- Dell XPS15 laptop (just for setting up the network and checking on things)

Misc

- UMIK-2 mic for system tuning if needed

David put in a lot of effort to host this special event. He along with Club Treasurer **Paul Johnson** came in early to set up the room, position the speakers, connect all the cables, test the streaming network with the Diretta Transport Protocol, tune in the subwoofer and have everything ready to roll by 7pm.

The event ended at 9pm. Everyone had an enjoyable evening listening to favorite tracks from fellow Club Members. It turned out to be quite an interactive event with personal stories from all who were present.

Special thanks to David's next door neighbor **Craig Kreml** for loaning his JBL L65 speakers for the evening. He happens to be an audiophile with expensive McIntosh gear. Craig was kind enough to lend his WiiM Ultra for the August event. Although he's not attended an event yet, his equipment has been featured in two so far this year.

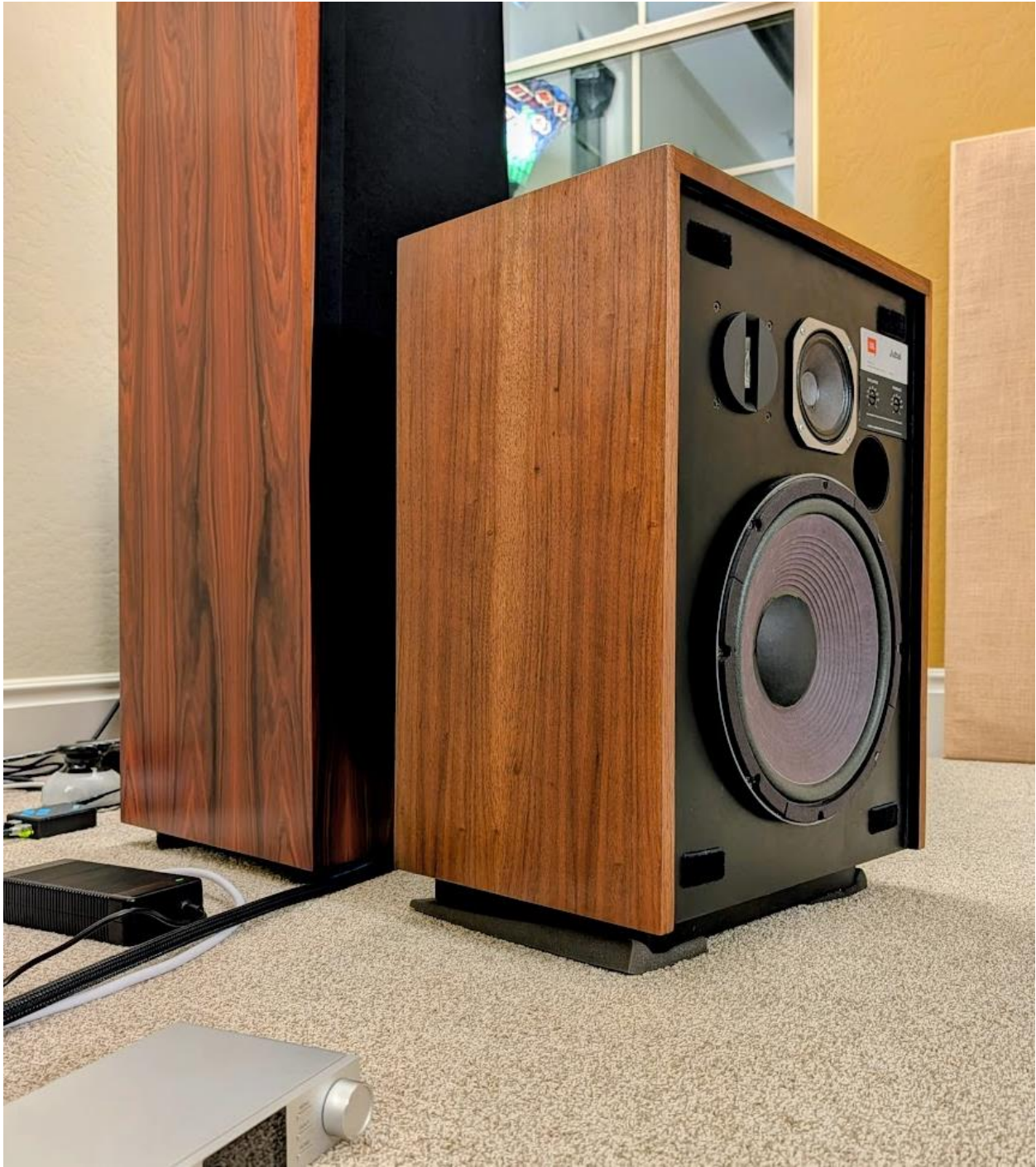
Club Secretary **David Snyder** is the foremost authority on implementing the Diretta Transport Protocol to your Music Streaming Network. The results are immediate and the cost is affordable.

Here are a few photos that David shared with me.



JBL L65 Speakers in David's Home Theater.







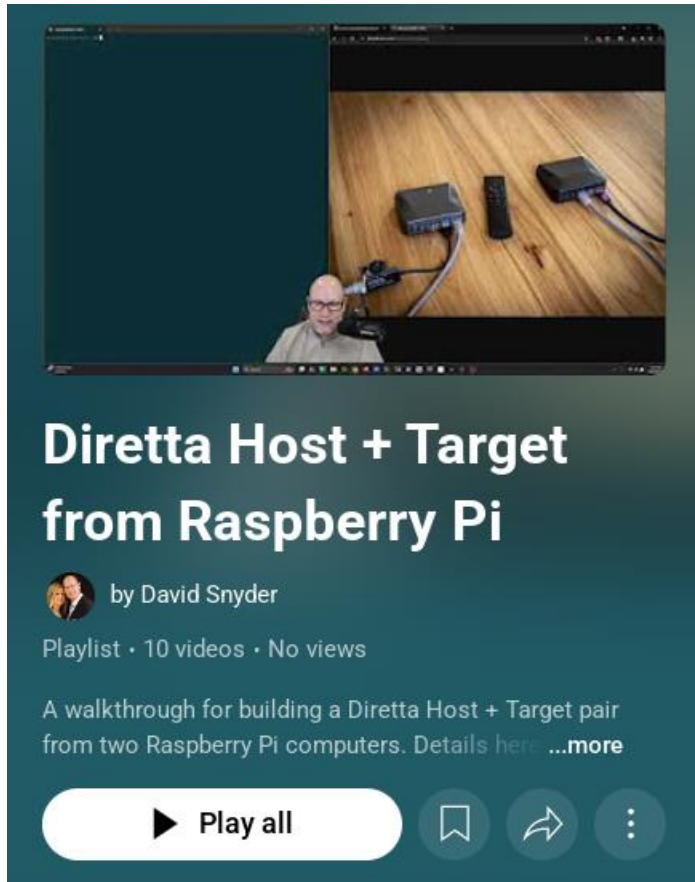
TOPPING DX5 II



David's YouTube Videos explaining the Diretta Solution

If you are curious to learn more about the Diretta Transport Protocol and how it integrates with your ROON Server to deliver the ultimate in audio quality from your Network Streaming setup, David Snyder has created a 10-part YouTube video series.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMI09rJ6zKck13V-IH_kRKW7FP8QO_Fw0



You will learn everything about building a dedicated Diretta Link with AudioLinux on Raspberry Pi.

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04 Target Networking

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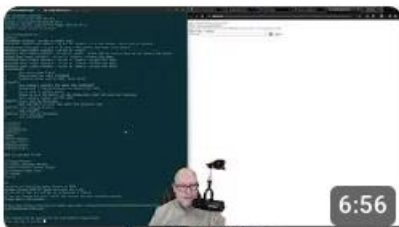
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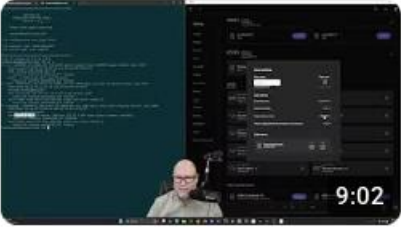
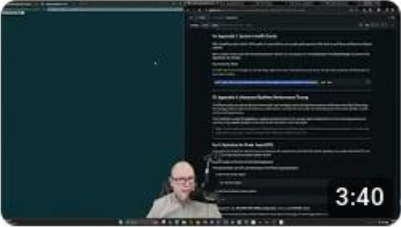
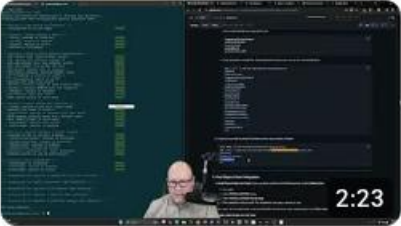

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I would strongly recommend watching all 10 parts to get a deep understanding of how to implement the entire workflow.

David Snyder has done an outstanding job explaining and demoing the benefits of adding the Diretta solution to eliminate common issues one faces with Network Audio Streaming.

If you are a ROON subscriber and have an external USB DAC, this is for you.