



The Absolute Sound Magazine Digital Separates Product of the Year Award 2009

Bryston BDA-1 External DAC

“This new DAC, based on Bryston’s highly successful BCD-1 CD player, breaks new ground in its price range. It does this with a remarkable ability to resolve information in a musically coherent way, rather than by raw sonic analysis. The way instrumental lines relate to each other, how rhythms trade off, why the composer wrote the music as he did, and why each musician plays his line a particular way are all beautifully laid out by the BDA-1. Significantly, the BDA-1 requires no “decoding” by the listener to appreciate these qualities. Rather, the Bryston effortlessly makes these musical values evident.



The BDA-1 is also highly versatile and designed to meet the needs of today’s range of digital sources. In addition to offering a USB input for easy connection to a computer-based music server, the BDA-1 provides selectable up-conversion of 44.1/16 to a higher sampling frequency along with a useful front-panel display.”

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