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Posted by [Sanbar](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 16:19:23 GMT  
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Posted by [uptown jimmy](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 16:23:56 GMT  
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Anything by Soundelux

Microtech-Geffel tube

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Posted by [Mark McDermott](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 16:45:53 GMT  
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Posted by [Rich\[3\]](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 17:31:40 GMT

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any preamp by Forssell

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Will do.

I liked the idea of balanced and S/PDIF I/O on the UX2.

Have been using a PODxt with my live rig (Atomic Reactor tube amp) and really like it. It's a pain in the butt to keep pulling the 'xt out of the amp everytime I want to record so the Toneport will at least relieve that problem. Hopefully, the mic pre and LA2A emulations will be the icing on the cake.

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Tue, 28 Mar 2006 18:32:09 GMT  
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The first link below, the signal path for the femme vocalist is a Forssell CS-1>SE Gemini. The male vocalist in the second link is a FForssell CS-1> SE Gemini.

<http://www.mercysakes.com/paris/Doug%20Joyce/Tim%20Sullivan- Road%20To%20Paradise/Love%20Me%20Tonight.mp3>

<http://www.mercysakes.com/paris/Doug%20Joyce/Tim%20Sullivan- Road%20To%20Paradise/Heather%20Kathleen.mp3>

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 00:01:59 GMT  
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Neil

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Posted by [Sanbar](#) on Wed, 29 Mar 2006 01:43:08 GMT  
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Another option for that mic might be a Chandler TG2... warm & Neve-ish, but with a better high-end than your typical classic Neve sound... not quite hyped, but more extended & defined, maybe - is the way I'd describe it. Although if that mic is already pretty warm-sounding, that combination might prove too much in that department... might come across as a big "bump" in the low-mids.

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If you want to try a Baby Bottle, and/or a Blueberry, I'd consider lending you one of each of mine in exchange for you lending me the 4060 for awhile... I'd be curious to see how the 4060 sounded through My Chandler TG2. We'd have to agree on a set amount of time for the mics to be away, and each agree to pay shipping to & from on each end so it'd be fair, but I'm always interested in trying new combinations that might serve to enlighten, so let me know if that might be an option you want to consider.

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