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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-REALITY CHECK  
Posted by [Music Lab Sweden](#) on Fri, 14 Apr 2006 19:18:29 GMT

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Hi All,

I am a former Paris user who still use Paris now and then, especially when I remix old songs recorded in Paris. I gave up in favour of Soundscape which I truly love.

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I have a fairly large Paris setup and as much magic as it has it is quite unreliable compared to the other systems. For example: Paris can sometimes (randomly) add strange DC offset to the files. It can depending on heat cause clicks. Aux leakage. Just to mention

what is by some perceived as warmth, sounds to me like a bit clouded midrange. I have recorded a fair amount of classical choirs in both Paris, Soundscape and Nuendo. In this genre there is simply no competition at all. My Soundscape converters (Apogee) simply kills Paris in clarity and detail. OTOH with pop/rock, especially acoustic pop/rock (live drums), Paris can sound a bit more exciting than the others.

Last but not least, sound aside Paris is a dinosaur. The routing options leave A LOT to desire. The I/O flexibility is back to the stone age compared to newer systems. The non-sample accurate editing is a PITA. Lack of professional I/O options. Very rudimentary handling of native plugins, especially in stereo. No bussing possibilities. No VST/DX on master bus. No delay compensation. etc. ect...

IMHO most people who are sticking to Paris are doing it for financial reasons. Given the very low price the SH systems are going for, the price vs. sound performance ratio is amazing, compared to other DSP-based system. In a true professional environment with clients hanging over your shoulder, the compromises are just too big, all IMO of course.

Just my 2 cents.

Babu

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Posted by [dc\[4\]](#) on Fri, 14 Apr 2006 23:48:55 GMT

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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 00:24:19 GMT

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I can easily see Sequoia being a popular choice for classical with it's superb editing capabilities - that's also apparent from their testimonials list. I may head that way for some of the more advanced editing and mixing capabilities at some point, though Nuendo is so far superior for music production/scoring.

From what I've heard even on the Nuendo forum, the show demos seem to be plagued with badness. The demos that come with Nuendo don't come close to doing it justice, other than demonstrating such things as Play Order tracks and looping, but certainly not sound quality or quality production (some were embarrassing). One Nuendo forum member recently used a 2.2 demo for some testing. When pulling out the files individually as I was running some performance comparisons on my own, one track had pops and clicks throughout - in the track, not my system - due to rendering problems with the creator's sound card no doubt. Now, to use that as a demo, and even a test case for performance and listening for pops and clicks? Pretty short sighted, but certainly worse than Steinberg would send it out as a demo. Then again, many product demos are obviously thrown together with little more intent than to show a few features.

I wouldn't judge Nuendo or any product's sound quality on a noisy tradeshow floor. Nuendo can deliver just as easily as any other DAW from my experience - it's all in how you use it, as with any other. At the same time I have no interest in convincing you otherwise on your opinion of it because it really doesn't matter to either one of us - you have what works great for you so anything else is a waste of your money and time, imho. No one really cares if Nuendo, Paris or PTHD recorded Mozart's Requiem - just that it sounds superb. For me, it's just about what does the job I need, and making sure that doesn't include an unsatisfactory compromise.

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That's because the company is run by idiots. Ever try calling them? And what kind of a loser outfit allows their AES and NAMM show demos to sound like crap? Even Sonic Solutions had the good sense to steal one of SSC's Paris demos to use in their booth. (true story! they got caught btw, and got reamed out by a longhair motorcycle crazy we know of...)

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Posted by [Jesse Skeens](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 04:58:07 GMT  
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Posted by [Kim](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 05:25:43 GMT  
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"Jesse Skeens" <[jskeens@gmail.com](mailto:jskeens@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>IF the numbers match  
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For starters, it might be worth doing some reading on Quantum Physics. Matter  
isn't as it appears. It's largely probability fields more than actual solid  
stuff as we think of it. I'm not going to get into this here, but that's  
just one possibility that sprang to mind...

Cheers,  
Kim.

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 06:36:39 GMT  
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Quantization and math errors in the playback engine, for one. A to D  
convertors is another.. I'm sure that there is more but those are the basics  
that come to mind immediately for me. Plus, I think there is definitely  
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Obviously either Yamaha figured some part of it out or Advanced Audio Master Quality is euphemism for "sucker". ;-) You know I'm just making light of a debate that has been raging for as long as 1's and 0's have been around, not discounting what you are saying about the audible differences you hear. Developers don't just guess at techniques to improve quality. There is a science and technical reasoning behind it (usually, unless marketing holds all the marbles) - but that's why they do what they do, and I don't. I used to, but it drove me batty (hardware/software dev - too tedious for me).

If there is a way to generate a result, there is a way to test it, because that's the way someone found it to begin with - testing, trying and guessing. The fact is, a 1 is a 1 and a 0 is a 0, but the problem comes in how strings of them are interpreted into sound waves, and all the variables in between, and so the likelihood of simplified testing at the user level flies out the window.

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You aren't the first to express displeasure with Steinberg, and I completely agree about demos - I could have given them a demo that killed anything I've heard them put out, as could a million other people, but maybe demo makers just don't get paid enough to do it right. I have clients with the same mentality - put all your eggs in one basket that might look good on paper and leave nothing left to hatch and grow the chickens with.

Some companies seem to take a developers' mindset to marketing ("It's great code, surely everyone can see that!"...well, no, not without Code Warrior and a CS degree...). I can think of another well known to this group that did the same.

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Posted by [Music Lab Sweden](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 07:03:39 GMT  
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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [dc\[4\]](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 07:30:42 GMT

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Dedric Terry <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote:

Absolutely, but it does not follow therefore that all of this is both known and quantifiable. It's not. Look at the tremendous variables in phase shift and group delay in various eq's, both analog and digital! But wait, it's just 1 & 0's right?

>If there is a way to generate a result, there is a way to test it, because  
>that's the way someone found it to begin with - testing, trying and  
>guessing. The fact is, a 1 is a 1 and a 0 is a 0, but the problem comes  
>in  
>how strings of them are interpreted into sound waves, and all the variables  
>in between, and so the likelihood of simplified testing at the user level  
>flies out the window.

Genius. Here's your degree. I wish I had said that.

So, why doesn't  
anyone know why the sound changes when you write it to CD?  
Of course, different D-A and all, but it is different even when you  
pop the CD player into your D-A for your DAW!



There is more to be learned. period.

>And also it is often the expectation of the test that leads us to results  
>that aren't there. The brain is a tricky interpreter, and that is why I  
>there there is usually a way to ferret out the anomaly and give  
>repeatability and solidity to what we perceive, or don't perceive.

Yep it is called double-blind testing and one pound of it is worth  
a ton of circular reasoning about 1's and 0's.

>Actually I was referring to the subtleties of summing and audio quality,  
>which I assumed you were referring to when saying Nuendo couldn't cut it  
for  
>recording classical. I presumed you had put them side by side and found  
one  
>to be missing X where the other was wider at Z. To detect that level of  
>detail obviously requires a quiet studio environment. Now, whether the  
>material rocks or sucks is another matter entirely, and no doubt should  
be  
>the first consideration for booth reps.

Well I've never gotten that far because the company is run by  
people who are not interested in me as a client. I suspect that  
explains why so few classical people use it, even if it is as good  
as the others. I refuse to reject the evidence at hand that these  
people do not care about audio quality and treat customers who  
call them like dirt. Now, you call up Sequoia and spend 2 hours  
sitting down with a product that sounds wonderful and works  
great, and they give you their cellphone numbers, and it gets hard  
to find the diamond in the mudpile over at Steinberg.

People who do classical are real serious about their work. Funky and  
warm with a good groove means nothing. It is way  
different from pop because you literally cannot overkill the sound  
quality. Listen to the better Telarc or Dorian stuff. A good guy  
can do better work with careful mic placement, a great convertor  
and just the right EQ in post, all at 44.1, than a lesser guy can  
do at 192, no matter the gear, yet so many people think you can  
determine quality from specs and numbers... yikes!

>Colorado, so I'm on the same side of the Mississippi. A bit of a hike,  
but  
>maybe sometime we can put these tools to a test for a musical purpose beyond

>just comparing bits and bytes.

That would be fun. I want come through this summer and see DJ as well.

take care

DC

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK

Posted by [dc\[4\]](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 07:37:57 GMT

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And there you have exposed yourself. Oh yeah. "science" as in  
your opinion? Yeah "science" like that which produced the music?

Nah, it's art and if you can't hear the difference, then you are in the  
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Say, do they still let you have mothers over there?

If you are so humble, try contributing something to this group  
besides trolling and baiting, ok Buhu??

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Posted by [Music Lab Sweden](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 07:55:43 GMT

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Posted by [wmarkwilson](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 09:18:22 GMT  
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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [Ed](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 10:42:56 GMT  
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Well I disagree... Babu gave his opinion.. and I read it. Perhaps we agree with him on some things... whatever, it didn't call for a reply saying "You don't know how to use it... I can prove it" and turn around and run with your fuckin tail up your ass.... PUSSY! DO NOT respond if you you can't back it... I am Paris owner for many years... but Paris, especially 3.0 has so many flaws... it pathetic... Accept the truth... EMU trashed it, ID pretty much trashed it too... It is a DEAD daw... but I am going to use it as long as it works for me and until I can afford to acquire something better.

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"W. Mark Wilson" <[wmarkwilson@integrity.com](mailto:wmarkwilson@integrity.com)> wrote in message [news:4440b9ba@linux...](mailto:news:4440b9ba@linux...)

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 11:38:47 GMT  
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Hey Ed

Don't sweat it...it's been pretty cordial around here lately...you just  
picked a bad time to check the NG out again

Stick around, there's been some pretty informative cross platform, digital  
interface and work around discussions going on lately...oh and a few more

people bailing on Paris but that's to be expected.

Don

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [DC](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 17:27:56 GMT  
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>BTW. What I meant by scientific was simply a proper A-B comparison with all  
>other things being equal with perfect level matching in the same enviroment  
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Well, Paris killed Sonic Solutions in that very test, and NO ONE claims that Nuendo sounds better than Sonic. My point was that if you believe there is a lack of clarity and detail in Paris compared to something else, than you are using it wrong. I stand by that point and have done the work to prove it. Now, if you want to add something to our little group instead of dumping on it, I will send you a CD, all the way to Sweden, to let you hear some of it.

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Don't need this for what I do. Glad it works for you.

If you wish us to act collegial, then act like a colleague.

best,

DC

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [Jesse Skeens](#) on Sat, 15 Apr 2006 20:32:19 GMT  
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"DC" <dc@spanthemoon.com> wrote:

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>"Jesse Skeens" <jskeens@gmail.com> wrote:  
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>Ever seen the code for a word processor, let alone a DAW?  
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>Oh yeah, that's simple...  
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>So you do a cancel at one point in the process and then tell  
>yourself something you can hear is not real?  
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>We hear better than we can measure. That may change someday  
>but it ain't here yet.

The complexity of code in a DAW has no bearing on the fact that an audio file is just 1's and 0's. At the level that a DAW reads those values two files with the same set of values should read exactly the same by the DAW, theres no way for it to see a difference.

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [dc\[4\]](#) on Sun, 16 Apr 2006 01:36:40 GMT  
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WHAT? it has every bearing on what is done to them, and that changes dramatically according to that very-complex code.

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Thank you. And a decent percentage of people who hear things that you cannot measure are what drives forward progress. Remember the sound of the early Sony 1630/1640 decks? The techies all said the same thing you are saying. It's fine, it's just 1' and 0's and your mind is fooling you.

BS

best,

DC

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Sun, 16 Apr 2006 02:26:05 GMT  
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I think it's just plain old magic.

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"DC" <dc@spamthemoon.com> wrote in message news:44419fa8\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Sun, 16 Apr 2006 03:24:49 GMT  
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I was reviewing a mix the other day with RME's Digicheck bit analyzer and found 3 twos, 4 fives and 1 eleven. I flipped them over and the mix sounded a lot wider. Garage band....what are ya gonna do.

On 4/15/06 8:26 PM, in article 4441ae26@linux, "DJ"  
<animix\_spam-this-ahole\_@animas.net> wrote:

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>a modern church. I'll bet he still runs Paris at one place or another.

Huh, your bet? If you read my post you would see that I also record pop, rock etc. and that I actually praised Paris in these applications.

>None of us cares who leaves and who stays. I have clients coming  
>here this morning who think Paris sounds fabulous. Now show me  
>where your opinion should count in the whole equation?

Thats why you were all over the poor guy, Dave who switched to PT and praised his new system?

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>>BTW. What I meant by scientific was simply a proper A-B comparison with  
>all

>>other things being equal with perfect level matching in the same enviroment  
>>with the same tracks.

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>Well, Paris killed Sonic Solutions in that very test, and NO ONE  
>claims that Nuendo sounds better than Sonic. My point was that  
>if you believe there is a lack of clarity and detail in Paris compared  
>to something else, than you are using it wrong. I stand by that point  
>and have done the work to prove it. Now, if you want to add  
>something to our little group instead of dumping on it, I will send  
>you a CD, all the way to Sweden, to let you hear some of it.

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>>There are more things to the sound than just playing back raw tracks. For  
>>example, the possibility to properly route drums to a seperate bus and  
process

>>them affects sound. I know it can be done in Paris, but how long does it  
>>take and how easy is it compared to other systems?

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>Don't need this for what I do. Glad it works for you.

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>If you wish us to act collegial, then act like a colleague.

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>best,



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>DC

This will be my last post on this topic. Waste of time...

Paris!!!???

Regards  
Babu

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [Music Lab Sweden](#) on Sun, 16 Apr 2006 07:46:04 GMT  
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"DC" <dc@spamtheswedese.com> wrote:

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>why don't you actually contribute to this group for a while?  
>Share your favorite mics and pres. How about some tricks getting  
>a great bass sound? What do you use for choirs?

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BTW. If you really are interested, I usually use one of the following setups  
for recording choirs. All depending on time available for preparation etc.

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X-Y or a Royer SF12 ribbon.

do very slight limiting/compression with a Crane Song STC8.

Regards

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [dc\[4\]](#) on Sun, 16 Apr 2006 16:47:01 GMT  
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Wavelab is one thing I really wish we could get for macs.

Sounds like a nice setup.

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK

Posted by [dc\[4\]](#) on Sun, 16 Apr 2006 16:51:28 GMT

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"Babu" <[musiclab@lund.bonet.se](mailto:musiclab@lund.bonet.se)> wrote:

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Of course not. But calling your opinions a "reality check" is perhaps partly to blame here, don't you think?

best,

DC

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Posted by [Music Lab Sweden](#) on Sun, 16 Apr 2006 18:09:11 GMT  
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Posted by [dc\[4\]](#) on Sun, 16 Apr 2006 20:06:29 GMT

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"Babu" <[musiclab@lund.bonet.se](mailto:musiclab@lund.bonet.se)> wrote:

And from mine as well.

Best wishes

DC

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Subject: Re: My evolving position on the Paris sound vs. PT.-Ear CHECK  
Posted by [dc\[4\]](#) on Sun, 16 Apr 2006 20:23:24 GMT  
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>for strings, ac guitars as well.

Absolutely and great folks at the company with comprehensive support.

I use a modded Jensen 990 Twin Servo that I just love. Detail to die for and as smooth as can be. Another place I like clean pres in pop is on drum overheads and pianos. I also have had great luck when a singer has a big voice, with the 990 and a good condensor mic. Otherwise, I like my Summit Tube mic pre for pop.

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Oh absolutely. Most of my work was done in nice concert halls so the clarity off-axis was a big plus. It also allowed me to get really close to the orchestra without getting too dry. Often I would be right over the conductor's head about 18 feet up (5.5m) and I always used the nosecones on the B&K's. I did a classical harp disc in a cathedral with spaced omni's about 4 feet (1.2m) from the strings. I took the harp's padded bag, and anything else I could find and put them on the floor around the harp to cut down on the reflection from the floor. I like the results.

You can compensate for omni's if you don't like the room by getting close, but they don't work everywhere. This is why we need so many mics! (this is what I tell my wife at least)

>I would love  
>to have a pair of omnis as well.

Can't beat the Danes on this! (B&K) Not inexpensive of course and do get the nosecones.

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>gain to record choirs. I usually put it on a very high boom quite near the

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I think choirs, recorded well, are just glorious. One of my favorite discs is Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna by the Los Angeles Master Chorale. The music is so radiant I would have recorded it for free. (shhhh don't tell anyone...) The guys who did it are very good.

<http://www.lamc.org/tickets/recordings.html>

DC

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