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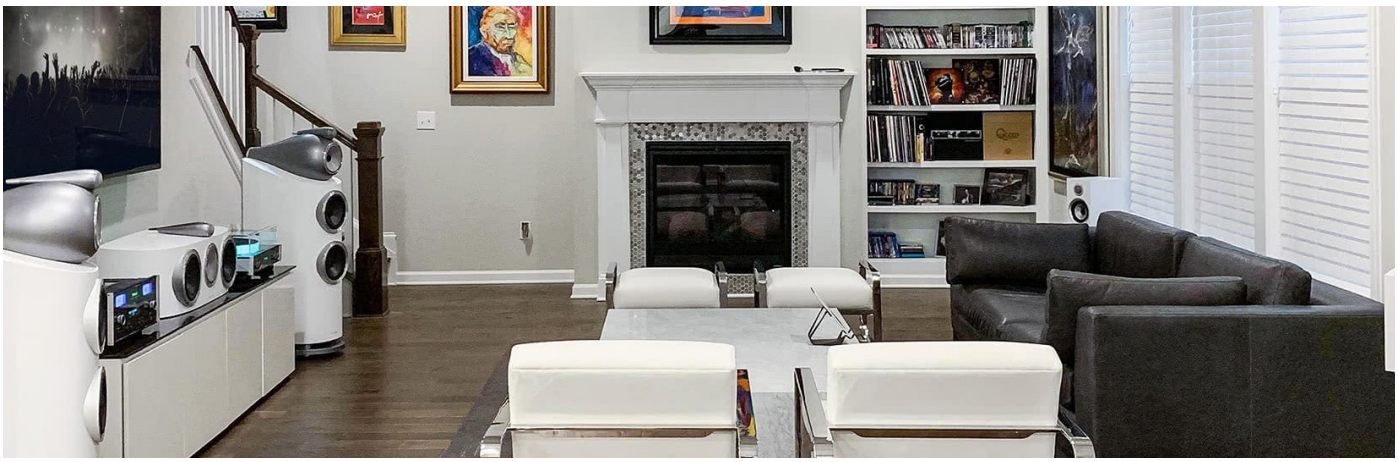
CASE STUDY

The Best of Both Worlds

9.1 channel media room with Bowers & Wilkins 802 D3 Diamond Series speakers



So often, home theater clients think they have to choose between a killer home theater system and a dedicated 2-channel stereo system. But, in fact, they can have the best of both worlds in one space.

URC dealer World Wide Stereo with showrooms in Montgomeryville and Ardmore PA, created a multi-purpose media room that combines Bowers & Wilkins Diamond Series speakers with McIntosh and Marantz components for a world-class 2-channel music listening set-up that doubles as a Dolby Atmos multi-channel home theater for movies. The entire system is controlled by URC Total Control 2.0.

"The music and movies in the space are beyond description. The Bowers & Wilkins 802 D3 Diamond series speakers are breathtaking, and I expect we will be listening to them for decades. Built like a tank, they are exquisitely functional artwork," said the client. "As for movies, add in the surrounds and the in-ceiling speakers, and it's better than going to the theater. Just incredible."

The star of the show is the pair of gloss white Bowers and Wilkins 802 D3s. Bowers and Wilkins is truly one of the most iconic speakers out there, with the famous Abbey Road Studios using a pair of Bowers & Wilkins 800 Series speakers as their studio monitors.

The entire system is powered by McIntosh - an American amplifier company founded in 1949 and based out of in Binghamton NY. McIntosh has stood the test of time as the face of high-fidelity amplifiers. The McIntosh MC462 a 450 watt by two-channel solid state amplifier was the perfect partner for the 802D3s.

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"Even though the 2-channel stereo system is the heart and soul of this client's system, he did not want to sacrifice performance when watching movies. To achieve this, we installed a Marantz AV8805 13.5 Channel Full 4K Ultra HD Network AV processor and a McIntosh MC8207 7-Channel power amp to power the center channel, rear speakers, and four in-ceiling Dolby Atmos speakers'" said World Wide Stereo system designer Austin Marvel, who along with techs Noah Mastin and Brian Sowden, created this amazing system.

When the client wants to listen to some vinyl on his turntable or stream music from his Bluesound Node 2i, he simply presses "music" on his URC Total Control TRC-1080 or iPad (or any of his devices that have the URC Mobile 2.0 app loaded onto it). To switch over to a movie, he presses "movie". It's that simple for the client: one button and the system takes care of the rest.

What the client doesn't see is that when they press the "movie" button, the URC MRX-8 system processor engages system power on his Marantz AV8805, a 12v trigger turns on the McIntosh MC8207, McIntosh C2600, McIntosh MEN220, and McIntosh MC462. The volume control on the C2600 becomes disengaged and the audio signal flows through the pre-amp to the MEN220 and then MC462. When the client presses "music", the system turns on the McIntosh C2600 and a 12v trigger turns on the MEN220 and MC462. The perfect harmony of a high-fidelity stereo and a world-class home theater system in one room.

"I continue to be astonished by each record we spin, each digital song we play, each 4K UHD we watch," said the client. "A big comfy couch, our dream gear, our beloved artwork and a flawless installation. Perfect! We are happier than can we can express!"

Read more at: World Wide Stereo.





FEATURED PRODUCTS

This amazing media room, designed and installed by URC dealer World Wide Stereo, is controlled by a URC Total Control MRX-8 system processor, TRC-1080 handheld remote and mobile app. It incorporates top-of-the-line Bowers & Wilkins Diamond Series speakers with McIntosh and Marantz components. It features a Sony 4K Ultra HD Smart TV and Salamander Chameleon cabinet.

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