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Consonance Cyber 222 Pre-amp and 800 Mono-blocs

reviewed by Jimmy Hughes in Issue 39

Anybody who doubts the ability of Chinese manufacturers to compete on the world audio stage, in sonic or material terms, need look no further than this Consonance pre/power combination for an object lesson in delivering the musical as well as the mechanical goods. For all those who cling to the forlorn hope that whilst Chinese built products look the part they'll never match the performance or consistency of their Western built counterparts, these are the stuff of nightmares. The finish and construction speak for themselves and are shockingly accomplished and impressive given the cost. Likewise, the paper performance and power output are well beyond expectations based purely on price. But what won JMH over was the musical performance, a combination of authority and delicacy,

unflappable control of orchestral climaxes hitched to wonderfully nuanced and subtle solo instruments. It's easy to become blasé when confronted by a constant procession of equipment whose stellar price-tags demand that they be discussed in hushed and reverential tones. To say that Mr Hughes was pleasantly

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Price:

Cyber 222 Pre-amp

£1295

Cyber 800 Mono-blocs

£2995/pr.

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