



MEMO: To all Bryston Customers

SUBJECT: BCD-1 CD Player – Customer Response

Dear James

I've been reviewing recordings professionally for more than fifty years--in *Saturday Review*, *Stereo Review*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Classic Record Collector*, *Schwann Inside* and other publications, as well as on WEFM (Chicago, the world's first FM station), National Public Radio, WETA (Washington, DC). During my 30+ years with *Stereo Review* that magazine published separately my annual rundown of recommended recordings of the so-called Basic Repertory--about 200 orchestral titles.

Apart from that, I've annotated about 500 recordings and the equivalent of about 120 seasons of concerts--for the Philadelphia Orchestra, National SO, St Louis SO, Baltimore SO, Houston SO and other orchestras; created and hosted the national broadcast series of the SLSO, and programmed and annotated series of historical recordings for the Smithsonian Press. My work has brought me two ASCAP Deems Taylor Awards, a Grammy, and the Order of the Lion of Finland.

That's probably more than you needed to know, so I'll withhold my Social Security number.



My BCD-1 now is fully burnt-in, and I just want to add to the long list of congratulations you must have received for this splendid unit. If my own nagging contributed toward your decision to make a CD player, I'm pleased; but I'm much more pleased with the player itself, which has everything one expects from Bryston--and that means everything one really wants or needs. No fuss, no gratuitous gadgetry, just a solid, dependable player that really delivers.

Personally, I'd have asked for an HDCD chip, and for indexing, but I have to acknowledge that the demand for these features must be very low, since no CDs are being indexed now, and very, very few involve HDCD. The sound quality from this unit--fed into a BP-26, 4B-SST power amp and B&W 801iii speakers, simply surpasses anything I've heard in this room before. I'll leave it to the tech. writers to explain how and why. I'm just happy beyond words with what I'm hearing.

All the best,
Richard F.