



Stand-mount Loudspeaker of the Year



Kii Audio Three

We took a long time to get round to hearing the Kii Three, even though we'd seen and heard it at shows. Which shows that good things come to those who wait. And the Kii Three is very definitely a good thing.

Although we've classed the Kii Three as a 'Stand-mount loudspeaker' in fact it's a multitude of things in one. It's an active loudspeaker with built in active subwoofer. Especially when used with the Kii Controller, it's a digital audio hub. It's a sophisticated piece of audio electronics as much as it is a clever loudspeaker. But, despite the sophistication, it is not simply clever for its own sake; this is a genuine attempt at making a full high-end system built into loudspeakers... and we think it works very well indeed.

Our reviewer thought that, "The Kii Three is clean, detailed and even in the bass to an extent that is rare at almost any price, so it shows you both the nature of the original signal and the partnering electronics with considerable clarity." He also felt that the subtle use of DSP is revelatory; "The original performance is the same, but it's just that you can hear more of it, and with a bit of familiarisation it becomes even more engaging and transporting." He concluded that, "Once you get a handle on what this speaker can do it's almost impossible to stop playing your old favourites."

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