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Subject: Vintage Horn Speakers

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In some ways they are the antithesis of "modern" speakers. They are from an era where a hi fi was an expensive status symbol that few could afford, so having a large size speaker to show to your friends was desirable, and a really powerful amp might put out 30 watts maximum. They don't offer that etched clinical sound, high frequency extension, or the pinpoint imaging that the audio magazine reviewers often rave about in today's speakers. But they are "musical" and non-fatiguing, and they sound dynamic playing at normal volume levels with only a few milliwatts input power. If you want to hear your music loud they will play at movie theater levels with just a few watts. The biggest downside seems to be their weight and size - you can't hide them behind a fern, and no matter how you place them they will dominate the room. Ultra low WAF.

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