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Subject: Re: LSAF 2012

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I don't mind the gift giveaways, like we did in the lobby. Those are fun and easy enough to do. There is no chance of tomfoolery when you just draw names from a box. So giveaways, lotteries, all that kind of stuff is most welcome at LSAF.

It's the exhibitor "best of show" awards that I have a problem with. That kind of thing makes the show become a competition. I think it polarizes everyone, and takes the camaraderie out of it.

Not only that, but unless it's judged by the guests, then you have to find "formal judges", which really cannot be unbiased. The audiophile business is a niche industry and it's way too small to have a large enough pool that's unbiased. Everybody is in one camp or another.

Because of that, and because the award winners were contacted but no awards presented, I am pretty strongly biased against any future "best of show" awards at LSAF.

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