
Subject: Can anyone help me out
Posted by [Jesse](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 01:09:48 GMT
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Ok, I have been getting more and more into vinyl and high def audio and was wondering what I need to get my own set-up started. I own a pair of AKG-K701 Headphones that have been rocking my world through my fathers McIntosh system, and am thinking that I'll probably just be listening through those headphones instead of speakers. I am looking at a Technics SL1200MLK2 turntable, but am wondering what else I will need besides that and the headphones to get listening. Any suggestions on quality, affordable gear would be appreciated. Thanks!

Subject: Re: Can anyone help me out
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 04:20:57 GMT
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You'll need a preamp with a phono level input. You can also get a phono stage separately. On a budget, something like the NAD preamps will do fine, sound pretty good. You can also look at tube gear, which sounds real sweet and is beautiful and nostalgic to look at (like a warm fireplace). Tube gear is a little more expensive though. If you want to hook up speakers, you'll also need a main amplifier. Could go for an all-in-one solution by getting a receiver with phono stage input. Those were very popular in the 1970's and 1980's. Lots of good deals on eBay.

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Are there any decent tube preamps out there for under \$750?

Subject: Phono Stage for Headphones
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 21:07:21 GMT
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You can find tube phono stage amps for under \$750. For example, I use a Pro-Ject 12AX7 phono stage and really like it. The thing is, it is really designed to be used to provide a signal to a preamp that doesn't already have phono stage inputs. It would probably drive headphones, but wasn't designed for that. You might be happier with something like the Bellari VP-530, which has a headphone output and volume control built-in. You can also connect it to a preamp or receiver, or

even to your computer USB port. That's handy for making archival copies of vinyl albums on CD.

Subject: Re: Phono Stage for Headphones
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Is the bellari's headphone jack for a 1/4" plug?

Subject: Re: Phono Stage for Headphones
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 01 Apr 2009 23:59:58 GMT
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Yes, the headphone output is provided by a standard 1/4" jack.
Bellari VP530 Owners Manual
