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Subject: Ella! Kudos to Brian Cherry and Kevin Haskins.  
Posted by [BillEpstein](#) on Tue, 18 Feb 2003 21:10:03 GMT  
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After a few liddle problems (like the Foreplay pre-amp blew up!) I got Ella running with the Alps blue pot she comes with. I was afraid she would sound veiled or plasticky w/o the benefit of a high quality ladder attenuator. Nope. Sounds great. The high frequency nasties are gone with the Foreplay and this amp isn't quiet at idle, it just isn't there. Like when you get a new car and the engine idles so quiet you turn the key and grind the starter!!! It's amazing that Ella was in the DIYCable room at MAF last year and nobody wanted to hear her. 300B's and 45's are chic, but there's no substitute for cubic inches. And I've had a really good EL-84 amp and this is much better. Kevin and Brian have a winner here and their service, answering questions and taking care of spares and such is great. Wayne, I hope you don't mind this advert here but this is a great amp to drive Pi's. I posted some pix on the Brians site and more at [www.merrypranks.com](http://www.merrypranks.com)

<http://www.audioasylum.com/forums/DIYHiFi/messages/520.html>

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Subject: Re: Ella! Kudos to Brian Cherry and Kevin Haskins.  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Wed, 19 Feb 2003 05:41:39 GMT  
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Thanks for the review and the "heads up" on the amp. And of course I don't mind your posting this here. I'm a fan of their's anyway, and beyond that, it's helpful information for anyone else that's in the market. Any chance you'll bring it to Lima? If not, I hope Brian and Kevin will - I'd like

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Subject: Re: Ella! Kudos to Brian Cherry and Kevin Haskins.  
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Kevin has indicated that he cannot attend this year. MBB [www.midwestaudiofest.com](http://www.midwestaudiofest.com)

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