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2010
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Upper-End
Loudspeaker
of the Year

YG Acoustics
Carmel
\$18,000

For listeners with small to mid-sized listening spaces, YG's dynamic new two-way, aluminum-based floorstander, the Carmel, is an extraordinary loudspeaker—one that marries the virtues of mid-sized, near-full-range floorstanders with those of classic, two-way stand-mount monitors. The speaker's true worth lies in its ability to let the music—all of the music—through to communicate with you, unfettered, undeliberated, evocative, and alive. Although the Carmels are undeniably revealing, they are not "nothing revealing." Their fundamental spirit is to be honest in presentation, without being punitive to the listener. Sensationally high in resolution, with remarkably powerful bass and dynamics, the Carmel is perhaps the best small floorstanding speaker reviewer Chris Martens has heard, and a slam dunk for our Upper-End Loudspeaker of the Year award. Reviewed by CM in this issue.