



# BEST CD PLAYER

## QUAD ARTERA PLAY+



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**P**remium CD players are becoming few and far between nowadays – but Quad's latest is rather special. Based around an ESS Sabre DAC and incorporating a pre-amplifier section, it had a sound that seduced.

A high-quality linear power supply as well as audiophile-honed circuitry together ensure the Artera Play+ gets the most out of every CD. Pushing in a disc of Arcadi Volodos playing Schubert piano works (Sony Mastersound recording) into the Quad's slot drive brought home just how much detail it can retrieve. There was tonal colour, depth and breadth with a presentation few other CD players can manage. Added to that was the usual Quad smoothness and sense of ease. Anyone with a large CD collection looking to get the best out of their discs really should take a listen to this exceptional player. Everything we played through it sounded clean, vibrant and simply lovely.