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Gryphon Legato phono stage

Features:

- Selectable MC input impedance from 10 Ohm to 47 kOhm
- Custom impedance load option
- Selectable gain MM or MC input
- Dual mono configuration
- Fully balanced circuit
- Fully discrete circuit
- Select premium-grade components
- Swiss LEMO connectors
- Zero negative feedback
- Short signal path with no internal wiring
- Available as stand-alone unit or as modules in Sonata Allegro preamplifier
- Dual mono external regulated power supplies
- Custom-made C-core transformers
- DC coupling
- AC mains filtering
- Fully sealed double-sided mil spec PC boards
- 75 µm copper traces
- Made in Denmark

Who would have thought five or ten years ago that the venerable LP could actually outlive the compact disc? After boasting of “pure, perfect sound forever” for nearly 20 years, the mass market audio industry now readily acknowledges the many inherent limitations of the CD format and is rushing to offer a confusing alphabet soup of competing, incompatible digital audio formats, each of them guaranteed to take our listening pleasure “to the next level.”

Despite the massive digital hype of the past 20 years, the LP remains by a significant margin the finest high fidelity medium ever offered for home use. Its comprehensive catalogue of titles will never be rivaled by the compact disc, which already appears to be

on its way to a carefully planned obsolescence.

In spite of the theoretically perfect measurements of even the most basic digital audio format, we at Gryphon simply hear more music when listening to the LP. This is a good thing, considering that the number of LP’s released during the course of the last half a

century will never be matched by the CD in its brief lifespan.

Six years ago,

Gryphon stunned the audiophile world with the Gryphon Orestes phonostage. Perhaps equally surprised by the fact that we chose to do it all as by how well it was done, the audio press had only the highest praise and admiration for the Orestes: “Utterly convincing. With a delightful firmness and wonderful resolution, it enhanced the performance of



one MC cartridge after another. It offers earth-shaking bass and beguiling, airy highs." (Audio, Germany).

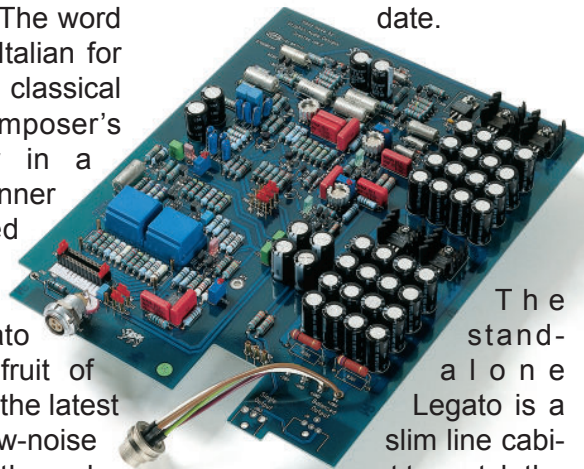
To take analog playback well into the next millennium, Gryphon introduces the Legato phonostage. The word "legato" is from the Italian for "bound together." In classical music, it is a composer's instruction to play in a smooth, flowing manner without detached notes.

The Gryphon Legato phonostage is the fruit of our explorations into the latest circuit topologies, low-noise component breakthroughs and power supply innovations in the service of the vast body of music that will continue to enlighten the lives of dedicated music lovers for years to come.

Fully balanced from input to output, with no op-amps or IC's, the Gryphon Legato is available in modular or stand-alone versions which are identical with regard to circuitry

and sound quality.

The modular Legato can be installed in the Gryphon Sonata Allegro preamplifier and powered by the Sonata Allegro power supply. Legato modules can be factory-fitted or added at a later date.



The stand-alone Legato is a slim line cabinet to match the Sonata Allegro preamplifier. It can be driven by its own power supply (identical to the Gryphon Sonata Allegro power supply) or by the same power supply as your Sonata Allegro preamplifier.

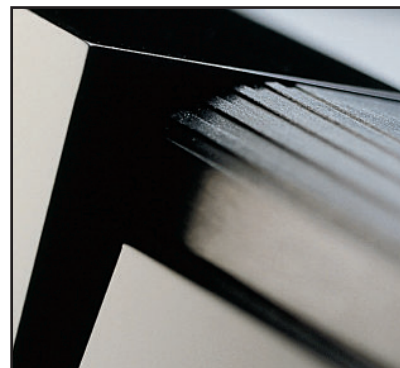
In both configurations, the sensitive low-level signal is fully shielded in a dual mono, RF-free environment with no internal wiring, fully sealed

PCB's specified to the highest standards, zero negative feedback and DC coupling.

Designed to fully exploit the balanced nature of the phono cartridge, the Legato phono-stage employs the finest balanced LEMO connectors. Impedance loading is selected via a high quality, Swiss ELMA attenuator which can be bypassed once the owner has identified the optimal load.

Component quality, mechanical construction and cosmetic design fulfil the high expectations that come with the Gryphon name. Critical components are sourced from suppliers with extensive experience in building to the tight tolerances specified for military or medical equipment. Final assembly and testing are conducted in-house.

Dedicated to the music lover who continues to seek out the countless musical treasures available on LP, the Gryphon Legato phonostage is the key to all the power, purity and subtlety of expression captured on black vinyl.



Technical specifications:

Gain:

MC 30 dB / MM 38 dB

Input impedance:

10 Ohm - 47KOhm

S/N A-weighted:

MC 72 dB (0,5 mv.)

MM 90 dB (10 mv.)

Output impedance:

50 Ohm

Inputs:

1 Balanced Lemo

Outputs:

1 x balanced XLR

1 x Single ended RCA

Power consumption:

Min. 5 W

Max. 30W

Dimensions: (WxHxD) in cm.

48 x13,5 x 38 (2 pieces)

Shipping Weight:

24 kgs

Specifications may change without notice:

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