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## **MARANTZ SHOWCASES BROAD LINE OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE HOME ENTERTAINMENT RECEIVERS AT CES 2006**

*-- Advanced Models For Every Consumer Need and Budget --*

**Las Vegas, NV - January 5, 2006** – Marantz America, renowned for its industry-leading high-performance home theater audio/video receivers, is demonstrating its full line of advanced 7.1-channel models at CES 2006, providing dynamic surround sound solutions for every consumer need and budget. The company's broad line of receivers, led by its acclaimed flagship SR9600 (SRP: \$4,199), includes the SR8500 (SRP: \$1,599); SR7500 (SRP: \$1,099); SR5600 (SRP: \$649.99) and high-value SR4600 (SRP: \$429.99). All models are currently available.

### **All Receivers Feature 7 Discrete Channels of Amplification**

Featuring an elegant and understated chassis design with aluminum front panels and cursor controls, all Marantz receivers for 2006 feature 7 channels of discrete amplification, HD component video switching, component or S-video upconversion, 32-bit DSP processing and 192kHz/24-bit digital/audio converters for all channels. In addition, all models feature Dolby Pro Logic IIx capability, surround-sound headphone processing, front panel menu control and home theater processing (THX or HTEQ). In order to satisfy the requirements of the custom installation marketplace, all Marantz receivers feature the industry's most comprehensive array of advanced connectivity options, including component video inputs and outputs, plus S-video and composite video inputs, and multiple digital and analog audio inputs. Among the convenient features of many models that will appeal particularly to custom installers are detachable power cords and lead-free construction.

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### **Ultimate-Quality Flagship Model SR9600**

The Marantz flagship SR9600 is an ultimate-quality multichannel audio/video surround sound receiver that represents the very best the company has to offer and brings a new level of fidelity and installation flexibility to the premium receiver category. It features an innovative amplifier design and strengthened chassis as well as a host of advanced technologies including HDMI switching, high-speed twin 32-Bit DSP Chipsets, audiophile-grade DACs, two IEEE1394 ports and seven-channels of equal power amplification.

The SR9600 incorporates the most advanced digital technologies for ultimate home theater receiver performance. A Massive Toroidal Transformer provides a clean and powerful 140 watts x 7 power output for authoritative, effortless reproduction of movie soundtracks and music. The receiver also features two AM/FM tuners that allow users to listen to different stations in different areas of your home.

To ensure the highest quality video images from all sources, the receiver's sophisticated video section features S-video/composite-to-component-video upconversion. The SR9600 also includes a built-in HDCD<sup>®</sup> decoder, to provide the superior sonic benefits of HDCD playback from CD players and DVD players without HDCD capability. To ensure compatibility with today's most advanced source components, the SR9600 features HDMI (High Definition Multimedia Interface) switching, with two HDMI inputs and one output as well as two IEEE1394 ports for further video connectivity options.

### **SR5600 and SR4600: High-Value, High-Performance Options**

At CES 2006, Marantz will also be showcasing its two high-value 7.1-channel surround sound receivers, Models SR5600 (SRP \$649) and SR4600 (SRP \$429). The SR5600 features multi-room, multi-source audio capability with discreet commands, as well as an RS232 port. The SR4600 is available in both black and silver.

### **Advanced MRAC For Fast, Easy Calibration**

Marantz's proprietary MRAC (Marantz Room Acoustic Calibration) feature, with an included high-quality microphone, provides users with an easy and fast way to analyze and calibrate optimum surround sound settings for any size or shape room, including parameters for speaker level, phase, size and frequency

response. For total versatility and utility, the SR9600 also offers audio and video multi-room operation with configurable amplifier output and multi-room on-screen display.

### **Dolby Headphone Technology, and More**

The SR9600 offers a host of additional performance and convenience features. The inclusion of Dolby® Headphone technology allows users to listen to music, watch movies, or play video games with the dramatic surround effects of a 5.1-channel soundtrack through any set of headphones. Total surround sound versatility and realism is provided with the inclusion of THX Surround EX, DTS-ES Discrete, DTS-ES Matrix and DTS Neo:6® Cinema and Music 6.1-channel decoding.

The receivers are supplied with the highly acclaimed RC3200 programmable touch-screen learning remote control that operates all functions and can control all the components in a home entertainment system.

### **SR8500 and SR7500: THX Select Post and DVI Switching**

The popularity of Marantz' SR8500 and SR7500 receivers continues to grow, as custom installers and consumers continue to find them indispensable for a broad range of home entertainment signal distribution needs. Like the SR9600, Marantz's SR8500 A/V receiver is engineered from the ground up to provide superior audio and video performance from all sources with advanced THX-Select Post Processing, advanced MRAC, DVI switching and many more cutting-edge technologies. Featuring an all-copper chassis with a double-layer bottom plate, the receiver is also distinguished by a sleek new front-panel design with a fold-down door and cursor-controlled menu system for total ease of operation. The SR8500's massive Toroidal Transformer provides an astoundingly clean 125 watts of power output for authoritative, effortless reproduction of movie soundtracks and music. Superlative sound quality is further ensured with 32-bit DSP processors and 24-bit/192kHz D/A converters for all eight channels.

With a suggested retail price of \$1,099, Marantz' SR7500 is a more affordable alternative to the SR8500, providing many of the same high-end features, such as 105 Watts x 7 Channels, THX-Select Post Processing, MRAC, video upconversion, A/B loudspeaker switching, Multi-Speaker "C" output, as well as direct IR flasher inputs and a pre-coded Learning Remote Control.

**About Marantz**

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