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MARANTZ EXPANDS ITS LINE OF ADVANCED VIDEO PROJECTORS

-- New HD DLP Model at Breakthrough \$6,000 Price Point; Popular VP-12S4 Now in Black --

ITASCA, IL, September 9, 2005 -- Marantz America, a renowned manufacturer of advanced home entertainment solutions, will reaffirm its position as an industry leader in High-Definition DLP™ Projectors at CEDIA 2005 (Booth # 377), showcasing its full line of advanced projectors. In addition to introducing the Model VP8600, a high-definition DLP projector with an unprecedented low suggested retail price of \$5,999, the company is responding to the demands of its valued custom installer customers with the introduction of a new black cosmetic version of its popular VP-12S4 High-Definition DLP™ Projector (SRP:\$14,499). Marantz' full line of advanced projectors also includes the ultimate luxury home theater piece, the renowned VP-10S1 (\$37,999).

VP8600: Ideal for Lower-Cost Custom Installations

With its breakthrough \$5,999 suggested retail price, the new Marantz VP8600 high-definition DLP projector is ideal for "budget" custom installations and do-it-yourself home theater builders who want reference-quality video performance at a reduced overall cost. The VP8600's extremely quiet operation adds to its appeal in lower-cost installations, where budget constraints often prohibit enclosure of the projector in either a separate room or sound-proofed box.

The Marantz VP8600 incorporates the leading-edge Texas Instruments HD2+ DMD™ chip and other refinements to provide superlative high-definition DLP projector performance, along with a host of useful features that offer exceptional installation and calibration flexibility. A newly developed 1280 x 720 pixel panel and advanced DLP™ technology provide incredible sharpness, clarity and color accuracy, with 650 ANSI lumens brightness. Image quality is further enhanced by the use of a new lamp, which delivers an astounding 4,000 hours of bulb life. The VP8600 features progressive scan output with true 3:2 pulldown detection and utilizes 10-bit digital gamma processing. It is compatible with virtually every digital and

analog video program source, and for greater versatility and installation flexibility, it includes a DVI digital video input **with HDCP (High-Definition Content Protection)**, to accept the signal from a DTV set-top box, DV camcorder or other digital video source and maintain a pure digital signal path from source to display. In addition, the VP8600 provides VGA, HD component video, S-video, composite video and analog RGB connections.

Total Custom Installation Versatility

Like all Marantz projectors, the VP8600 includes a host of features for total custom installation flexibility, operating in conjunction with a comprehensive, intuitive onscreen menu system that enables easy setup, yet provides extensive calibration facilities including a wider range of color temperature and gamma adjustments. All functions can be accessed via the projector's remote control, which provides easy operation even in darkened home theater environments.

Marantz VP-12S4: Black By Popular Demand!

Marantz will also showcase a new version of its breakthrough VP-12S4 reference-quality DLP projector, featuring a new black cosmetic that has been requested specifically by custom installers. The VP12-S4 will also continue to be available in the previously introduced elegant pearlescent cosmetic.

Marantz engineers designed the VP-12S4 for superb image clarity, brightness and color reproduction, setting new standards in both high-end video projector performance and custom installation flexibility. In addition to the world's first-ever use of a specially designed 10-bit image processing chip with Visual Excellence Processing™ from Gennum Corporation, the VP-12S4 incorporates the Texas Instruments 16 x 9 high-definition HD2+DC3 DMD DLP chip which produces images with higher brightness, improved black level and an unprecedented 4500:1 contrast ratio—yielding extraordinary resolution, picture quality and color accuracy. For realistic, balanced colors the VP-12S4 features Marantz's proprietary O.R.C.A.™ Color Correction Filter, filtering light to achieve better color accuracy.

For installation in any room and from any screen distance, the VP-12S4 utilizes a new medium-throw Minolta lens—specially-built for Marantz—in addition to the long- and short-throw lenses. Providing a wider zoom range and adjustable iris, these custom lenses have double-sealed optics to prevent light leakage, keep out dust and eliminate the “halo” effect that can degrade image quality in other projector designs. The lenses also feature an increased lens shift capability over previous models, allowing for a

vertical alignment up to a maximum 50% of the screen height above the screen.

When Price Is No Object: Marantz VP-10S1 3-chip DLP Projector

Marantz will also have on display its ultimate-quality three-chip VP-10S1 High-Definition DLP Projector. The VP-10S1 incorporates three Texas Instruments 16 x 9 high-definition HD2 1280 x 720 DMD chips, delivering unprecedented picture quality in every respect with standard-setting sharpness, resolution and clarity. The VP-10S1 is currently available with a suggested retail price of \$37,999.

About Marantz

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