

**For Immediate Release**

## **Blue Smoke Entertainment Systems Introduces the Black Box II™**

*Digital Music Server Offers Unparalleled Sonic Performance*

**Deerfield, IL** Blue Smoke Entertainment Systems will use the High End Show in Munich, Germany (May 9-12, 2013) to unveil the Black Box II™ to an international audience. Designed from the ground up to meet the needs of the discriminating audiophile, the Black Box II™ is a digital music server that builds on the success of its predecessor and introduces new features that help it remain a top performer in an increasingly crowded field. Production units are slated for release late summer 2013.

### **Features of the Black Box II™**

Many of the features of the original Black Box™ remain on the newest release, including its proprietary support for the hi-quality I2S interface of the MSB line of DACs, as well as traditional digital interfaces. New features include:

- An entirely new audio support software layer, designed to provide the cleanest, purest possible audio pathway
- This new proprietary software also improves the user interface and allows complete software freedom. The Black Box II™ design opens up in the internal architecture of Windows 8 and allows the user to choose among all Windows-based media software packages (e.g., J. River, Foobar, Songbird, etc.)
- A dual power-supply: one for the operational hardware of the system and a totally independent regulated linear power supply for the audio sub-system

- Optional room correction at the digital source, thus keeping the digital signal as clean and clear as possible
- Pricing to be determined

### **Positive Initial Impressions**

Initial response to the Black Box II™ has been universally positive. A prototype of the unit was on display at the AXPONA high end audiophile show in Chicago in March, 2013 where it received accolades from end users and industry insiders, alike. Having heard the Black Box II™ in Chicago, Andrew Jones, Director of Engineering at TAD Labs opted to use the Black Box II™ as the digital server source to demonstrate the TAD Labs lines of electronics and speakers in Munich. TAD Labs demonstration room at The High End Show will be located in Room F129 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Level of Atrium 4.

### **About Blue Smoke Entertainment Systems**

Founded in 2007, Blue Smoke Entertainment Systems is a manufacturer of digital audio servers, as well as a retailer for no-compromise audiophile product lines.

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