

Series 8 Review by Ray Vanabel



Encore Home Entertainment Systems is located in Sarasota, Florida and has been a premiere Tributaries dealer since 2003. The company motto is "Performance worth Repeating". They design systems that are easy to use and thrilling to enjoy by combining components of high quality and exceptional value based on your needs and budget.

Series 8: Listen to the Hype

Ray Vanabel, a true audiophile and owner of Encore Home Entertainment, was gracious enough to evaluate a pair of Tributaries Series 8 Audio cables at a customer's home. His customer's system includes the following:

CD Source: Musical Fidelity A5

Preamp: Marantz Reference SC-11S1

Mono Block: Lipinski L-301

Speakers: Lipinski L-707 Monitor

Cables: Tributaries 9AB, 9A, and SP7BW

Ray and his customer sat down to listen to Jack Johnson's "Breakdown" from the album "Between Dreams", and album Ray frequently uses for demos. Ray replaced the Series 9 Audio cables with the Series 8 Audio cables between the source and preamp, since this is the most important connection in a 2 channel system. What Ray and his customer heard by swapping only one pair of cables was amazing. Both listeners could easily "distinguish Johnson's voice and guitar as totally separate entities in the sound field, solid in image with resonant presence and tonality." Ray also noted that he could sense the "woodiness" of the guitar and the clarity of Johnson's fingers' friction on the strings. "Overall, there was just more detail from the original track", Ray said. "I couldn't believe the difference between the two cables".



Ray jokingly said his customer is upset now that he has to buy new cables!