



LA-300ME Marianne Electra Memorial Preamp

Joule Electra is introducing a new preamp, The LA-300ME, that incorporates all the features that have made the LA series of preamps the most sought after in Hi End Audio. This preamp is in memoriam to the co-founder of Joule Electra, Marianne Electra Barber, who passed away after a long illness in May a year ago. The new preamp is a highly refined version of the LA-150MII which incorporates exotic capacitors through out and signal wiring designed specifically for Joule Electra by well known cable designer David Elrod of Elrod Power Systems. The signal wiring combines a combination of 6 nines silver and copper in a unique transmission line configuration that David recently developed for his premier interconnects. The capacitors are a mix of V-Caps and Mundorf Silver, Gold, and Oil which represent the very best capacitors available to the high end audio community.

In the pictures attached you can see the 8 Mundorf caps and the 4 V-Caps for a total of 12, all in critical parts of the circuit. In addition you will note the large Mundorf Tube Caps just introduced by this Germain manufacturer of specialty High End Audio Products. The Tube Caps are in the final B+ circuit to the Mu Follower and Gain Stage Tubes and are largely responsible for the dramatic improvement in bass performance of the LA-300ME. We refer to them as dual super chargers! Also visible in the bottom view is the Teflon Film and Foil V-Cap that bypasses the large 10 uf V-Cap which couples the output of the preamp to the line.

These capacitors represent a major cost addition to the design and based on the sonic splendor of the new preamp the cost is well justified. The bass line of the preamp has always been one of it's major assets, but now the bass is crisper and cleaner with improved dynamics and extension. The midrange, one of the outstanding features of the LA-150MII, is now wonderfully fleshed out with a highly organic nature that must be experienced to fully appreciate. The improvement in treble extension and clarity is immediately noticeable with silky highs possessing the gloss and crispness of the original performance.

Production has begun with limited quantities available now. The LA-300ME is a **BOLD NEW PIECE OF AUDIO ELECTRONICS** for the discriminating music listener.

