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The golden Starman takes to the stage once again, as *Home Cinema Choice* honours the finest AV hardware in the land. Over the past 12 months our reviewers have assessed an avalanche of gear in a ceaseless search for the best players, displays, projectors, speakers, AVRs and more. What follows is the cream of that crop. Performance, value for money and innovation have all played their part. Now you can play yours. Welcome to the *Home Cinema Choice Best Buy Awards, 2010*...





KEF C Series AV5

Winner: Best Speaker System under £2,000
First Reviewed: HCC #179

For £900, KEF's 5.1 system – a combination of floorstanding fronts and diminutive surrounds – is a solid gold bargain. Each speaker is beautifully built, and their aluminium dome tweeters sing as sweet a song as many rivals costing twice as much. The C4 subwoofer, with its long-throw 8in driver, blends with the package superbly, and is surprisingly musical to boot. A brilliant set from a brand to be reckoned with.



Also nominated...

Focal JMLab Dome 5.1
 First Reviewed: HCC #178

Beautifully designed, both aesthetically and acoustically, the £1,500 Dome 5.1 package from Focal JMLab is as meaty as it is cute. And we love the curvy subwoofer.

Monitor Audio Vector AV
 First Reviewed: HCC #176

This dinky, wall-mountable compact 5.1 system offers huge scale and separation for its tiny £650 price tag. Its innovative finish makes it look more pricey still.

Vibe Monolith/Omicron
 First Reviewed: HCC #172

Space-age design and startling potency make this £1,900 Vibe 5.1 setup well worth an audition. 'A very good-looking designer system with real muscle,' was our verdict.

