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**MARANTZ® SUPPORTS LAUNCH OF 30th ANNIVERSARY KI PEARL
COMPONENTS WITH ELEGANT HARDCOVER BOOK AND SACD**

-- Elegant Coffee-Table Book and Hybrid SACD Will Provide Retailers and Discriminating Audiophiles Valuable Insight into Marantz Brand Director Ken Ishiwata's Vision and Commitment to Audio Excellence --

MAHWAH, NJ – June 29, 2009 – Marantz America, a world leader in premium home entertainment solutions, today announced that it is supporting the launch of its highly anticipated **KI Pearl** Hi-Fi components with an elegant hardcover coffee-table book (MSRP: \$29.99) and specially created dual-layer SACD (MSRP: \$49.99) which celebrate the 30th anniversary of its European Brand Director, legendary audio designer Ken Ishiwata. The book and SACD can be purchased together in a special 30th anniversary boxed set (MSRP: \$74.99) or separately at select Marantz retailers. Like the upcoming KI Pearl units, including the **SA-KI Pearl SACD Player** (MSRP: \$2,999) and the **PM-KI Pearl Integrated Amplifier** (MSRP: \$3,599), the anniversary books and SACD are available in limited quantities only. (A limited number of the SA-KI Pearl units have already been released to Marantz retailers, with availability of the PM-KI Pearl scheduled for September 2009).

Both the book and CD offer unique insights into the life and work of Ken Ishiwata. The richly informative book not only spotlights Mr. Ishiwata's extraordinary career and his many achievements, but celebrates Marantz's commitment to making "Music Matter," which is exemplified in the KI Pearl Products. The meticulously engineered SACD features the music of well-known singer Katelijne van Otterloo, chosen by Mr. Ishiwata as a fellow perfectionist who understands emotional involvement in music. It contains 12 classic jazz numbers such as 'Summertime', 'Misty' and 'Girl from

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Ipanema,' each exemplifying Mr. Ishiwata's passion for music and reflect his ongoing quest for audio perfection. To create strikingly realistic and richly detailed stereo imaging, the hybrid SACD combines the music of 100% acoustic instruments with a simple sound stage.

KI Pearl: Impeccable Aesthetics and Unbeatable Audio Performance

With their luxurious silk-black finishes and Marantz "blue-light" cosmetics, the two KI Pearl components combine art gallery-quality aesthetics with the highest quality build materials, copper-plated chassis and advanced audio performance features. Most importantly, they were designed and personally tuned by Mr. Ishiwata to reproduce music exactly as the original artist and recording engineers intended.

The rock-solid SA-KI Pearl SACD Player, for example, was built to Mr. Ishiwata's demand for a "bulletproof" vibration-damped cabinet, massive power supply with a toroidal transformer and unsurpassed precision CD mechanism. Underneath the SA-KI Pearl's 5mm aluminum cover is a Xyron Disc Tray with Precision Super Audio CD Drive, a copper encased toroidal transformer, and Marantz-exclusive HDAM SA2 circuitry. Together they work sublimely with all the other carefully selected components to deliver precision high-speed signal handling over the widest possible frequency range. Adapting HDAM-SA2 and HDAM-SA modules with high-performance DACs (CS4398) from Cirrus logic, and selectable filters, ensure superior sonic reproduction, with playback capability for SACD stereo, CD-DA, MP3, and WMA files.

Like the SA-KI Pearl, the rock-solid PM-KI Pearl Integrated Amplifier is packed with advanced circuitry and features to provide a powerful and uplifting music listening experience. Beneath its 5 mm aluminum top cover is a fully discrete 2-stage power amplifier (140 watts per channel at 4 ohms, 90 watts per channel into 8 ohms) as well as a constant current feedback phono equalization circuit (including both MM & MC), CD Direct input buffer circuitry and more. The two-stage circuit construction ensures a breathtaking signal to noise ratio and a music experience to match the grace and beauty of its physical design.

Discriminating consumers who would like to learn more about the new KI Pearl components can visit Marantz' specially designed website, <http://www.marantz.eu/kipearl/>.

About Marantz

Marantz America is committed to upholding the tradition of technological superiority initiated by founder Saul Marantz. In keeping with this emphasis on quality, Marantz audio and video components are carried only by the nation's premier independent audio/video specialty retailers. Additional information is available at www.us.marantz.com. Marantz America is a wholly owned subsidiary of D&M Holdings Inc.

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