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... or does that honor fall to the King Sound full-range electrostatic (\$6000/pair), from King's Audio Limited, of China? While playing back Schubert's Impromptus with the aid of JoLida tube monoblocks (\$8000/pair), the Kings placed the solo piano about 3' behind the plane of the speakers. When I closed my eyes, the illusion was almost tactile. But why close my eyes? The visual appeal of lamplight

shining through the Kings' honeycomb stat panels made the grilleless speakers resemble artistic room dividers. If I owned the Kings, I would remove their grillecloths (a ten-second job) and do all my listening in the nude -- the speaker, that is.



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...Jim Saxon

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