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**PRODUCT  
OF THE YEAR  
AWARDS**

## Magico's Q7

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## Overall Product of The Year

### Magico Q7 Loudspeaker

**\$185,000**

Our Overall Product of The Year Award goes to the single component that has most impressed us during the previous year. In a year of many superlative products, Magico's flagship Q7 loudspeaker stands out as the greatest achievement in high-end audio in 2012.

The Q7 is capable of astonishing realism, creating a more tangible and palpable impression of actual instruments and voices appearing in the listening room than RH has heard from any loudspeaker. Remarkably, the Q7 performs this realism trick over a massive dynamic scale, from the most delicate brushes-on-snare-drum work to the startling impact of timpani—and everything in between. Magico has reduced every form of loudspeaker distortion to such a low level that the Q7 simply disappears as a transducer. Instrumental timbre and voices are startlingly lifelike not just in tone color and texture, but in transient speed, lack of overhang, and dynamic shadings. The Q7 starts and stops on a dime over its ultra-wide bandwidth. The bass is visceral and muscular, yet simultaneously richly nuanced in resolution of pitch and timbre.

This remarkable performance is the result of the massive all-aluminum enclosure that houses an intricate lattice structure to prevent vibration, the state-of-the-art custom Nano-Tec drivers and their advanced motor design, the cost-no-object crossover, and a huge dose of passion combined with technical chops that brought this ambitious product to realization.

Magico's new flagship isn't just the most impressive component of 2012, it's the most impressive single product that Robert Harley has encountered in more than 23 years of full-time reviewing. (RH, 229)



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**ROBERT HARLEY, THE ABSOLUTE SOUND, JANUARY, 2013**

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