

MACWORLD'S PLAYLISTMAG.COM UNVEILS THE 2006 "PLAYS OF THE YEAR"

Twenty-three iPod and digital-audio products and accessories honored for features, performance, and innovation.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—December 1, 2006—PlaylistMag.com, the ultimate online iPod guide, has announced the recipients of the second annual "Plays of the Year" Awards. The 23 products were chosen for their exceptional quality, innovation, usefulness, design, and value. The entire article can be found online at www.macworld.com/2407. PlaylistMag.com is part of Macworld.com's family of sites.

"Playlist is one of the most trusted sources for information about the iPod and digital music," said Dan Frakes, senior reviews editor for PlaylistMag.com. "Thanks to our staff's knowledge and expertise, along with extensive hands-on experience, we're in an ideal position to select the products that stand out from the crowd. The 23 recipients of our 2006 Plays of the Year Awards, ranging in price from \$5 to \$1,600, represent the best of digital music and accessories over the past year."

The 23 "Plays of the Year" for 2006, according to PlaylistMag.com:

- **Best iPod:** Second-generation iPod nano, Apple
- **Most Innovative iPod Accessory:** Nike + iPod Sport Kit, Nike
- **Best Way to Waste Time with Your iPod:** iPod games, Apple
- **Best iPod Video Converter (for Mac):** VisualHub, Techspansion
- **Best Earbuds:** Remix M-Class, V-Moda
- **Best Canalbuds:** CX300, Sennheiser
- **Most Innovative iPod Headphones:** ety8, Etymotic
- **Best High-End iPod Headphones:** E500PTH, Shure
- **Best Desktop/Compact Speaker System** (two winners): Radial, JBL; i-deck, Monitor Audio
- **Best Portable iPod Speakers:** inMotion iM9, Altec Lansing
- **Best Home iPod Speaker System:** i300, Jamo
- **Best Case for 5G iPod:** VideoShield Kit, Agent 18
- **Best Skin iPod Case** (two winners): eV03 for iPod, iSkin; Smooth E for iPod nano, AVA
- **Best iPod Apparel:** Power Jacket and Power Hoodie, JanSport
- **Best FM Transmitters:** TransPod and TransDock micro, DLO
- **Best Car Accessories** (two winners): flexibleDock, Ten Technology; TuneDeck for iPod nano, Belkin
- **Best High-End Audio iPod Integration:** Solo/rLead, Arcam
- **Best Home-Entertainment System Connection:** HomeDock Deluxe, DLO
- **Best Way to Get Your Audio Around Your Home:** Digital Music System, Sonos

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PlaylistMag.com's 2006 "Plays of the Year" were announced just in time to help holiday gift-buying; all winners are commercially available. Products chosen enhance the digital-audio experience; items listed span a broad range of prices for all budgets.

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