



Vivid Audio Giya G1 Spirit

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COST NO OBJECT FLOORSTANDING LOUDSPEAKER



Vivid Audio makes some of the most sculptural loudspeakers around, but that's not just for show; the design is a perfect example of form following function to produce an ideal loudspeaker enclosure. In particular, Vivid takes a wholly different approach than conventional designs to controlling radiation by making the cabinet as stiff and light as possible. The Giya G1 Spirit is a large speaker that stands just over five foot high and has a volume of 180 litres but it weighs less than 70 kilos. Also, in Vivid loudspeakers, a tapered tube system is used with every driver. Vivid also designs and builds its own metal drive units in this four-way, five driver loudspeaker as well as all the other models in its ever-growing range.

Jason Kennedy thought that, "the sonic character of this loudspeaker is very distinct, inasmuch as it appears to have virtually none of its own. And yet because this is so much more obviously the case than with most other loudspeakers it really stands out. The first thing that hits you is that nothing hits you except the music, that is there are no sharp edges, no sense of grain or distortion." He also felt that, "if anything it is very much like an electrostatic, it has the same smoothness and ease as the best examples of the genre but this is combined with the low end power and dynamics of a reflex design."

He concluded the review, saying, "the Vivid Giya G1 Spirit is an exceptional loudspeaker, thanks to the way that its drivers and cabinet have been executed it doesn't have the problems associated with 99.9% of dynamic loudspeakers. Instead you get sound that's as exciting, powerful and beautiful as the recording permits."

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