

Home Theater – The new household hub

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“How can I connect my computer to my TV and sound system?” This is one of the most frequent questions we get at Nauset TV & Sound. It shows that computers and the Internet are converging with home theater systems. Today it's fairly easy to use your TV and/or sound system to surf the net or to view and listen to anything you have downloaded to your computer. More and more people are downloading or “streaming,” and in their own homes. Since today's home entertainment system will give you so much more, its quality becomes more important than ever before.

A home theater – good-sized TV and sound system – will become the household's hub for work and play. Since you will be getting more functionality from your system, it makes sense to make sure you have quality equipment. Price-drops in consumer electronics are making good quality systems affordable for more and more households. An investment of \$2,000 to \$4,000 for a good-sized TV and surround-sound system will give you a home theater that can rival a movie theater.

And remember: now you can view and listen to anything that is available to your computer or on the Internet – music from I-Tunes or Rhapsody, movies from Netflix, Vudu, Amazon or Blockbuster, TV shows from Hulu and Youtube etc. You can also view all your digital photos and home videos.

Here are some tips to make the home theater experience more affordable.

- 1) Take stock of what you already have. If you have purchased an HDTV within the last few years, you have a great foundation.
- 2) Set a budget and then conduct due diligence to find the right system for you. Is your budget \$3,000? You can get yourself a good system for that price, which includes a plasma or LCD TV, Blu-Ray (High-definition DVD) player, surround-sound receiver, a speaker package and universal remote control.
- 3) Once you have settled on a budget and done your comparison shopping, don't forget the final step: installation and service. Your home theater system will be in the center of your family's lifestyle. Make sure you have the most knowledgeable and responsive service team to install your theater system and be on call when you need assistance.

Nauset TV & Sound is a local company serving Cape Cod since 1973, are members of CEDIA (Custom Electronic Design & Installation Association), and our designers and installers are knowledgeable, well-trained and experienced. Our salesmen have many decades of experience in the electronics industry. We display and sell most major brands in our large showrooms at 180 Route 6A, Hilltop Plaza, Orleans. Our membership in a large national buying group makes possible very competitive pricing. That means we don't take a back seat to big box stores on price, and offer that extra element of down-home service to establish our Cape Cod niche.