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front and Center When the time came for Bay Area designer Anthony Lozano to christen his latest creation for Mizzico Furniture, Inc.—a European-inspired cabinet tailor-made for Yamaha’s YSP-1 Digital Sound Projector—he realized that to date, no one had conceived of an overarching nomenclature for this new breed of single-speaker multichannel sound apparatuses. So he coined his own and dubbed his work Center Surround Furniture, or CSF, a name that in its simplicity perfectly captures Lozano’s succinct approach to matching cutting-edge technology with elegant, understated cabinetry.

As with every fully assembled piece in Mizzico’s line of home theater furniture, the key to the CSF Credenza’s beauty resides in its ability to complement and contrast its intended technological tenant. Its clean lines and economy of form make for a perfect marriage with the unencumbered facade of Yamaha’s YSP-1, while offsetting the sound projector’s inherently cool mechanical nature with the warm earthiness of natural wood.

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*Once you leave, all I do is sit here.
Staring at the walls. Sure, they look great.*

But still.

*They can never replace the times
we spend together.*

Watching football. Cooking shows.

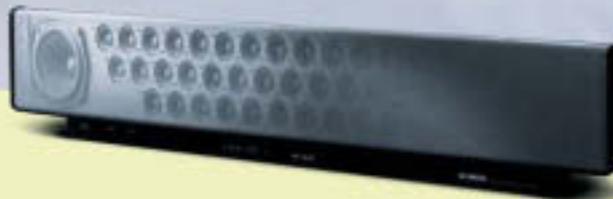
Hogging the remote.

Hey, did you hear where that sound came from?

Don't even look around. It was all me.



Hurry home.



YSP-1000



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