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## **MARANTZ INTRODUCES NEW FLAGSHIP UNIVERSAL DVD PLAYER, PLUS UPGRADES TO ITS INDUSTRY-LEADING DVD LINEUP**

*-- High-Performance Marantz DVD Players Are Ultimate Video and Audio Source Components--*

**ITASCA, IL, September 9, 2005**— Marantz America, a world leader in advanced home entertainment solutions, is expanding its line of high-performance “universal” DVD players with the introduction of a new reference-quality flagship model, the DV9600 (SRP: \$2,099), as well as two new models, the DV6600 (SRP \$649) and the DV4600 (SRP \$299). The new players join Marantz’ recently introduced high-value progressive scan Model DV7600 (SRP \$1,099), completing a range of four advanced players that offer solutions for every advanced home entertainment need and budget.

Noted Kevin Zarow, Vice President, Marketing and Product Development, Marantz America, Inc:

“Discriminating home entertainment enthusiasts are accustomed to the difference in image quality between conventional television and HDTV, and they’ve come to expect a similar upgrade in picture quality regarding their DVD players. In order to provide our valued customers with the total home entertainment solutions they demands, Marantz has upgraded our entire DVD lineup, offering a range of DVD players at varying price-points that offer total system-building flexibility.”

### **DV9600: The New Marantz Flagship...**

Created from the ground up with a newly developed precision mechanism, the Marantz DV9600 is the ultimate high-quality home entertainment source component, featuring many of today’s most sophisticated video enhancement technologies. An advanced HDMI 1.1 interface ensures that digital video signals are fed directly to display devices without any degradation in digital purity or quality (supporting 480i output), and high-performance video scaling circuitry allows it to support upsampling to 720p, 1080i and even 1080p HD formats. Progressive scan component video output with true 3:2 and 2:2 pulldown detection ensures the best-possible reproduction of film-based DVD-Video discs.

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In addition to its leading-edge 14-bit/216MHz video D/A converters, the true 12-bit video processing ensures that every subtle distinction in image quality, hue and clarity is displayed fully. Picture adjustments such as a fine-tunable video adjustability enable users to “dial in” the picture quality according to their personal preferences.

### **Outstanding Audio Reproduction**

The DV9600’s audio capabilities are every bit as impressive as its video prowess. Featuring six-channel equal quality audio circuits and separate power supplies for the internal audio circuitry, the DV9600 ensures maximum sonic performance from all music formats, including DVD-Audio and SACD discs. Key to the player’s outstanding audio characteristics is a newly developed zero-impedance ground copper plate for the 6-channel audio outputs. Other high-performance audio technologies include two IEEE 1394 outputs for multi-channel audio, 192kHz/24-bit audio D/A converters and Marantz’s proprietary HDAM-2 SA (High-Definition Amplifier Module 2 Super Audio) for incredible lifelike reproduction of the source material. Adding to the surround sound flexibility and performance of the DV9600, users enjoy full bass management (including delay) for DVD-Video, DVD-Audio and SACD discs as well as built-in Dolby Digital and DTS surround sound decoding. Pure DSD bitstream decoding for SACD along with separate power supplies for the audio, video and display components add to the player’s unprecedented audio performance.

Like its predecessor the DV9500, the new DV9600 also features Dolby Headphone<sup>®</sup>, which allows users to listen to music, watch movies, or play video games with the dramatic surround effects of a 5.1-channel soundtrack through any set of headphones.

To provide custom installers with the ideal solution for every possible home entertainment system configuration, the DV9600 features an array of advanced connectivity options. In addition to seven video outputs, including S-Video and composite video (Y/C and Y/Pb/Pr all available simultaneously), the DV9600 includes digital, two-channel and multichannel analog audio outputs. An RS-232 connection enables two-way integrated system control. The DV9600 is scheduled to ship in October.

### **DV6600: Exemplary Universal Player Performance**

Like the new DV9600, Marantz’ DV6600 (SRP: \$649) universal DVD player is engineered for the very best in both video and audio performance. Featuring a brand new sleekly designed chassis, the DV6600 boasts an HDMI interface, 3:2 pulldown, as well as two-channel and multi-channel DVD-Audio and SACD capability.

Progressive scan component video output with and 54MHz 10-bit video D/A converters ensure optimum video images. For superb audio performance, the DV6600 includes 192kHz 24-bit audio D/A converters.

Advanced RC-5 connections provide for integrated system control, and front-panel menu operation adds to the player's convenience and operational flexibility. The DV6600 will be available in November.

### **DV4600: High-Performance Progressive Scan in a Stylish, Affordable DVD Package**

Available in either a sleek silver or black cosmetic, Marantz' DV4600 (SRP: \$299) is an affordable entry level player that features progressive scan component video output with true 3:2 and 2:2 pulldown detection and advanced digital video processing circuitry. Component, S-Video and composite video outputs; coupled with digital audio and analog audio outputs provide total user flexibility, and premium audio components such as the leading-edge 192kHz/24-bit audio D/A converters ensure that the DV4600's audio capabilities match its stunning video performance. The DV4600 is currently available.

### **DV7600 Ultimate Source Component for Movies and Music**

Since its introduction earlier this year, the Marantz DV7600 universal DVD player (SRP: \$1,099) has been providing discriminating consumers with an ideal solution for enjoying ultimate high-quality home entertainment. It features an HDMI interface and video scaling circuitry capable of outputting video signals to 720p and 1080i, and 3:2 and 2:2 pulldown detection. For optimum image quality the DV7600 features 216MHz/12-bit video D/A converters, true 10-bit video processing plus Marantz's proprietary HDAM (High Definition Amplifier Module) output stages. Reflecting Marantz's heritage as a legendary audio company, the DV7600 also features some of the world's most advanced audio technologies, such as leading-edge 192 kHz/24-bit audio D/A converters and full bass management for DVD-Audio and SACD discs. The DV7600 also offers a "Pure Direct" mode for use as an audio-only playback component, ensuring audiophile sound quality without EMI interference.

### **About Marantz**

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