

About.com Home Theater Readers' Choice Awards 2013

The Winners Revealed!

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From January 14th through February 11th, readers had the opportunity to submit nominations for their best home theater product brands in several categories. From the list of nominations, five finalists for each product category were chosen. The final voting period ran from 12:00am EST February 19th through March 19th at 11:59pm EDT. Now that all votes have been counted by About.com, the winners for this year's awards can now be revealed.

I want to thank all those who voted in this year's Readers' Choice Awards. Now that all votes have been counted by About.com, the winners for this year's awards can now be revealed. See the listing below for the winners in each category.

NOTE: The results have been audited for signs of fraudulent voting. The results shown during voting may not reflect the accurate final counts used to determine winners. For more information, refer to the [Awards FAQ](#)

The About.com Readers' Choice Awards is not scientific, votes were submitted by the readers of this site, and are a reflection of their opinions. There is no prize -- just the bragging rights that come with getting recognized by the readers of one of a leading internet informational websites.

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1. Best TV Brand



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There are a lot of great TVs out there, and everyone seems to have something to say about their favorite brand. With that in mind, here are final vote results for what About.com readers felt were the best TV brands.

WINNER - [Vizio](#) - 53%

[Sony](#) - 18%

[Panasonic](#) - 15%

[Samsung](#) - 9%

[LG](#) - 3%

NOTE: Rounding may result in voting percentage not totaling 100%.

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2. Best Blu-ray Disc Player Brand



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Despite initial issues, such as the format war with HD-DVD, and a sizable number of consumers that initially doubted the viability of a disc format in the internet age, Blu-ray disc players have been selling very well and are now well established in the market, following closely behind the rate at which DVD was adopted. Now, with about 40 million Blu-ray disc playback capable devices in just the U.S., many of you certainly expressed your opinion on your favorite brand. Here are the results:

WINNER - [OPPO](#) - 53% (3-Time Winner!)

[Marantz](#) - 30%

[Sony](#) - 13%

[Pioneer/Pioneer Elite](#) - 1%

[LG](#) - Less than 1%

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3. Best Home Theater Receiver Brand



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Whether you call it a home theater receiver, AV receiver, or surround sound receiver, this device is the central component of a home theater system. Filling multiple roles, beyond just audio, most of today's receivers switch and process video, provide network connectivity, and many can also run systems in more than one room. About.com Readers' voted and here are the results of what they thought were the top brands:

WINNER - [Anthem](#) - 44%

[Denon](#) - 34%

[Yamaha \(includes Aventure\)](#) - 12%

[Onkyo/Integra](#) - 5%

[Pioneer/Pioneer Elite](#) - 2%

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4. Best Network Media Player/Media Streamer Brand

A growing number of consumers are finding that Network media players and media streamers provide an easy way to access music, TV, and movie content for your home theater system and TV. Here are the voting results for all the finalists that vied for the Best Network Media Player/Media Streamer Brand:



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WINNER - [Western Digital \(WD TV series\)](#) - 46% (2-Time Winner!)

[NETGEAR](#) - 31%

[Sony](#) - 8%

[Apple \(Apple TV\)](#) - 7%

[Roku](#) - 5%

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5. Best Video Projector Brand



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Video projectors are more affordable than ever, and also available in both standard and compact sizes. You can even throw up a sheet and use a video projector outdoors on those warm Summer nights. Here are the final voting results in this category from About.com readers:

WINNER - [Optoma](#) - 49%

[Epson](#) - 40%

[Sony](#) - 6%

[Viewsonic](#) - 2%

[JVC](#) - Less than 1%

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6. Best Loudspeaker Brand



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There are thousands of loudspeaker brands and models. In addition, how a loudspeaker sounds to you can be very subjective experience, which makes it difficult even for us product reviewers to make an objective decision on which ones are best. However, everyone seems to have something to say about their favorites, but there are only five slots in the final voting phase, it is a difficult choice. Here are the results of how About.com readers voted

WINNER - [Paradigm](#) - 50%

[Klipsch](#) - 38%

[RBH](#) - 7%

[Anthony Gallo Acoustics](#) - 2%

[KEF](#) - 1%

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7. Best Sound Bar Brand



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[Sound Bars](#) are a surprise product hit with consumers. Although not the same as having a full-on 5.1 or 7.1 channel speaker system, with the anemic sound systems built-in to today's thin LCD and Plasma TVs, a sound bar can provide a great way to get a better listening experience to complement TV viewing. However, everyone seems to have something to say about their favorites, but there are only five slots in the final voting phase, it is a difficult choice. Here are the results of how About.com readers voted:

WINNER - [MartinLogan](#) - 48%

[Bowers and Wilkins](#) - 29%

[Sony](#) - 12%

[Yamaha](#) - 7%

[Samsung](#) - Less than 1%

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