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## **MERIDIAN'S DIGITAL MEDIA SYSTEM ADDS RHAPSODY AND INTERNET RADIO—ENDLESS MUSIC OPTIONS MAKE SOOLOOS CLEAR CHOICE**

**International CES, Las Vegas, January 4, 2010, Venetian Tower, Suites 235 and 236**—As Britain's leading specialist manufacturer of reference quality audio and video entertainment systems, Meridian consistently refines the user experience for its customers. The latest evolution of Meridian Sooloos incorporates key components clearly defining it as the leader in the reference digital media system category.

With the world's fastest, most powerful touch-screen interface, the Meridian Sooloos Digital Media System offers the power to browse hundreds of thousands of files with unrivalled speed, allowing instant access to one's entire music collection in a simple yet sophisticated package. Luxury shoppers should not have to sacrifice mainstream features for reference quality performance. Meridian believes its customers should have it all at their fingertips.

Now with the power of Rhapsody (\$13 USD per month), the Meridian Sooloos system offers access to the incredible options of the massive Rhapsody collection. Albums from Rhapsody can be added to the user's Cover Browser and then browsed, searched, and played as *if* they are stored locally—with the power, speed, and elegance of the Meridian Sooloos interface. Since there is no limit to the number of Rhapsody albums the user can add to their Cover Browser, a Meridian customer can build the collection they've always desired, experienced with the award-winning Meridian Sooloos interface. (\*Rhapsody is presently only available in the US.)

Finding new music or finding music once forgotten is an important part of listening, so Meridian Sooloos Digital Media System also offers Internet Radio—delivering class-leading navigation and a listening experience of the huge number of stations available globally. The Internet Radio function is organised and “curated” to identify and present the highest quality and most-respected stations in all genres, helping customers find stations they like without wasting time.

Among the other key features in the latest update, users will find a dedicated iPhone application--providing handheld control of the Sooloos system from anywhere in the home. With no configuration or set-up, just download the Meridian Sooloos iPhone application from the Apple App store, install it on an iPhone or iPod touch, and have handheld wireless control of the system throughout one's home.

Additional support for third-party control services such as Crestron allow even better integration with the industry's leading control companies. New interface enhancements create a cleaner, more elegant approach to browsing and displaying the music library, - all part of Meridian Sooloos' ongoing commitment to leading the industry in refining the user interface. And added sorting features organise the collection according to how often you listen to albums, and also allow sorting by audio quality to separates mp3s from full quality files.

The focus on a system rather than an individual product is in line with Meridian Audio's ethos to provide customers with complete audio and video solutions throughout its

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offering. In this way, a Meridian Sooloos system perfectly suited to one's needs can be created from any combination of its three core requirements: Control, Storage and Playback.

**An entry system with a Control 10 Touchscreen and Ensemble is available for \$9,900 (USD).**

**Editors Notes:**

Meridian Sooloos won 2010 CES Innovations Design and Engineering Award for Integrated Home System

Existing Meridian Sooloos customers receive the 2.1 software suite as a free update.

New Meridian Sooloos customers receive a free six-month membership ship to Rhapsody

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**About Meridian Audio Limited**

Meridian is based near Cambridge, UK, and was founded in 1977 by Bob Stuart and Allen Boothroyd. With over 30 years' history of innovation and development of uncompromised consumer home entertainment systems offering exceptional performance, this award-winning company is widely recognized as a world leader in high-quality audio and video reproduction. Meridian developed the first audiophile CD player, the world's first consumer digital surround controller, and developed the MLP lossless packing system included in Blu-ray Disc. The company's optical disc players, DSP-based loudspeakers, video projectors, and scalars are unique in the industry, maintaining a super-quality digital signal throughout the path from the studio to the home, using advanced digital signal processing to deliver both a sweet, natural sound and smooth, crystal-sharp images with true cinematic realism. With the acquisition of Sooloos, Meridian now brings its expertise to the Sooloos Media System, the world's most innovative, functional and easy-to-use networked home entertainment system. Meridian Sooloos systems effortlessly combine spectacular quality, rich metadata and the industry's leading user interface to change forever the way we enjoy and interact with music.