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## Nordost Blue Heaven USB 2.0



While every seasoned audiophile knows that different interconnect and loudspeaker cables will impact on the sound of a hi-fi system, this was the first time that USB – a synchronised, packet-based digital interconnect standard – was also shown to be cable-sensitive.

Our classical piece sat back in the soundstage, as it should, the orchestra uncluttered but arguably without that last vestige of subsonic weight. There was no hint of coarseness about The Beatles remaster either, as, with the best here, it sounded as clean and composed as if it were mixed yesterday.

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