




# Just for the record

 Vinyl die-hards and those new to records will like the Dual CS415/2, writes **Peter Familiari**

**D**VD (and CD) players have never been cheaper, with the occasional supermarket "loss leader" available for under \$50.

Though there may be no such thing as a free lunch, this is a heck of a lot of technology for the money.

Until now, there has been no real equivalent for those of us who either never forgot vinyl or who have only just discovered it.


One of my own children recently had to set up a hi-fi system to play records and I was amazed to find so much new music being simultaneously released on CD and vinyl and so many re-releases of classic albums from the past.

It is quite timely that one of the great success stories in turntables, the German brand Dual, should now release a budget turntable that is both cost-effective and a worthy successor to its landmark products of the past.

The Dual CS415/2 is an automatic belt-drive, is available as a full or semi-automatic, and has its own tone arm and a generic Dual moving-magnet cartridge.

Slotted into my primary system and running through a DNM phono stage, Mark Levinson class A amplifier, driving quad 63s and a REL sub-woofer, it immediately reminded me why I'd kept my records and why vinyl is so worthwhile, despite the convenience and versatility of the CD format.

In keeping with the vinyl spirit, I sampled some of my collection from the 1960s, '70s and '80s, as well as some of my audiophile records, and I was reminded yet again of the tunefulness and rhythm that vinyl excels in producing.

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Connect and Dual have one CS415/2 turntable worth \$449 to give away. For your chance to win, call 1902 55 55 23, or SMS the word DUAL and your name, address and daytime phone number to 199 333 00. Entries close midnight tonight.

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quality of its bass reproduction surprised me. If you have a substantial collection of favourites on vinyl, reacquaintance will really be a joy.

My teenage son has recently "discovered" Pink Floyd, and I think now shares my view that listening to the classic sounds of the past on vinyl adds a new dimension.

It is pointless to quibble about which format is better, but the differences are significant enough to make the listening experiences quite distinct, and each one has its place.

**I**SEE a good market for this product, not only among young people finding out why we old "die-hards" still prefer vinyl, but as a way of unlocking the pleasures that still lurk in our record-storage cabinets.

The Dual's real positives are its affordability and user-friendliness. It's also a worthy successor to a great heritage.

You may even enjoy grabbing a few of your favourite albums and making an appointment at Audiophile in North Fitzroy to listen for yourself. I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

## DISC JOCKEY



### DVD

*Good Night, and Good Luck Denny, PG*

**Why you should watch it:** Full marks to George Clooney and his confreres for this excellent movie.

Clooney wrote, directed and starred in this thought-provoking snapshot of the time United States broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow took on communist witch-hunting Senator Joseph McCarthy in 1954.

The black-and-white cinematography is stunning, the ensemble cast (including David Strathairn, who plays Murrow) is superb, and the script shows Hollywood how it should be done.

Weaving through it are the sublime jazz tones of Dianne Reeves (see below).

**Availability:** Rent on May 10; buy in August/September.

**Extras:** Audio commentary by George Clooney and writer Grant Heslov; interviews with key crew and cast.

### CD

*Good Night, and Good Luck By Dianne Reeves Concord Jazz*

**Why you should own it:**



Dianne Reeves is, for my money, the finest jazz singer of this age — and

this soundtrack album is so good it earned her her fourth Grammy award.

It has songs from the movie, plus a few more, picked by director George Clooney.

Included are jazz standards such as *Straighten Up and Fly Right* and *Solitude*, plus the new *Who's Minding the Store*.

Matt Catingub (sax), Peter Martin (piano), Jeff Hamilton (drums) and Robert Hurst (bass) are all really cookin', making for a stunning CD.

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