

Old Generation Star Trek door for the entry to a home theatre. One of my favorite systems is a whole house audio system where the telephone ring is replaced by a Native American flute riff. The notes flow out from the garden and patio with a subtlety that is instantly experienced and appreciated as something out of the ordinary.

In another project for the DU Chancellor's residence we installed a whole house audio system with speakers directly under a glass plaster finish on the ceilings. It's incredible, but these speakers are actually made to be plastered over. It solved the interior designer's constant nemesis of how to tolerate speakers in a room design and because it was a grand old historic house the original character was preserved. For parties the music just seems to appear out of the ceilings and walls with no definable source. It's a wonderful special effect and one that we hope will be appreciated for years.

DTrends: What are the trends and technology that you see for future projects in Denver?

Christiansen: These kinds of projects always seem to follow the economy. Not so much in absolute dollars and cents but more in the way people feel about their world. Denver seems to be catching its collective breath after the late 90's and things always seem to cycle. High Tech, conventional energy supply, and the emerging relationships between the two, are my hunches as to where the next up cycle is going to come.

As far as new technologies there are always interesting things on the horizon. Beam focused sound is one that I'm sure we're going to be experimenting with on our projects. The technology provides a means to very selectively target audio at large distances. Unlike conventional sound this beam is so narrow that it can literally address one person out of a crowd at 500ft. The first place most people will encounter the technology will be in super markets. It will be as if someone is whispering in your ear the secrets about their product. Not everyone is going to like it, but it's cool technology.

My real fascination of late is with the potential of nanotechnology. That's engineering and manufacturing at literally the atomic level. The materials and systems that this area of science is going to produce will have profound effects for everyone from less expensive ultra thin TV displays, to nano muscle door openers. These materials exist right now and are just beginning to see application. The horizon for what I see nanotech blending into will expand exponentially in our homes and environment in the next few years.

I guess I will always have a passion for doing these types of projects, pursuing knowledge, and for that ever-larger ball of string.

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