

## M-Audio's Revolution 7.1 Wins World Class Award From PC World

ARCADIA, Calif., June 4, 2003 – M-Audio, a leading manufacturer and distributor of hardware and software for computer-centric musicians, is pleased to announce that the Revolution 7.1 was honored by PC World with a 2003 *PC World* World Class Award for best sound card. The World Class Award winners were announced in the July 2003 issue of PC World (Online now and on newsstands June 17) and will be presented with trophies at the ShowStoppers media reception held during CeBIT America in New York.

Revolution 7.1 is the first high-definition 7.1 surround sound card with consumer-oriented features to provide up to eight channels of professional 24-bit/192kHz audio. Revolution 7.1 allows PC owners to play DVDs and music in surround sound, experience more realistic gaming, and record or mix their own music.

With output for up to seven speakers and a subwoofer, Revolution 7.1 rivals even the best movie theaters. Where a 5.1 format places speakers beside the listener, 7.1 places them both beside and behind them for a much more immersive and believable surround sound experience. Revolution 7.1 even lets users experience eight channels of high-definition 24-bit/192kHz audio simultaneously. The included Dolby Digital EX DVD player allows listeners to immerse themselves in today's highest quality DVD surround sound. Revolution 7.1 fully supports stereo, 4.1, 5.1, and 6.1 formats as well.

Celebrating its 21st year, the respected World Class Awards honor the best in computers, hardware, software, and the Internet. To select the best of the best, PC World's editors examined the entire spectrum of products that have appeared in the magazine over the past year. Hundreds of products in 59 categories were judged on performance, value, consistency, and innovation.

"The ultimate buyers guide, the World Class Awards set the standard for excellence in the high-tech industry," stated Harry McCracken, editor of PC World. "From PDAs to privacy software, PCs to Web-Based applications, the editors reward the finest products and most outstanding performers in this annual award program. Congratulations to M-Audio's Revolution 7.1."

### About M-Audio

M-Audio is a leading provider of digital audio and MIDI solutions for today's electronic musicians and audio professionals. Founded in 1988, M-Audio now has independent offices in the US, Canada, UK, Germany, France and Japan. M-Audio's ability to parlay advanced technology into affordable products has led the company to win some of the international audio community's highest praise and awards—including being named the industry's fastest growing company in 2000 and 2001 by Music Trades magazine.

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