

Lejonklou HiFi Tjärn digital music player



The Lejonklou HiFi Tjärn (pronounced Charn) is the follow-up to our first source product, the Källa, and like it is a streamer with internal DAC. Fredrik, in investigating further the possibilities of streamer-DAC design, felt that he could bring much of the musical engagement of the Källa to a much lower price. The target was roughly two-thirds of the Källa price and we did even better! Like the Källa it is designed to connect you to the music – music streamed from your favorite service using an Apple device like an iPhone, iPad, MacBook, etc. Tjärn is in the same size textured, black-finished, attractive aluminum casework as our other full size components.

Fredrik Lejonklou's says: "Tjärn is simpler to use than even Källa and it's more thrilling to listen to than any digital source I have heard other than Källa. Tjärn should be regarded as a source component for streaming services." The same three people created it: Fredrik designed and tuned the hardware. A programmer wrote and tuned the software (a process that will continue). An engineer did the low level programming. Everything is built from the ground up. Indeed the Tjärn uses a different computer processor from the Källa and Fredrik designed his own Ethernet circuit for it.

You have probably already gotten the idea that Tjärn is not your typical streamer/DAC. It is a true Lejonklou HiFi product where everything is optimized for the most musically engaging performance. Tjärn is for the music lover who wants to stream music and get enjoyment on the level of what quality analog provides. So you can see that Tjärn is a very different streamer, unusually simple to use and excitingly musical to hear.

Like Källa, Tjärn is predominately designed for use with streaming services such as Spotify, Qobuz, Radio Paradise, etc. as it was found that using the highly optimized Lejonklou Protokolls they could provide a more musical, engaging sound than local files on an NAS. However, these can still be used with the right app to good effect. Tjärn is controlled by an Apple device and the apps installed on it are used for music playback. You simply choose "Tjärn***" (*** is the serial number of the unit) as you would choose a wireless speaker and the music you have selected plays through Källa. It's that simple!