## Be Ear-Responsible: High-Fidelity **Earplugs for Safer Quality Sound**

What's the point of wearing earplugs at concerts when the purpose of attending is to hear live music? Because high-fidelity earplugs reduce sound while maintaining good sound quality. Below is a list of staff and magazine contributors' favorite highfidelity earplugs.\* Note that improper fit reduces their effectiveness.

<sup>\*</sup>The American Tinnitus Association does not endorse products or quarantee their effectiveness. The products listed here are intended for informational purposes only. With any over-thecounter hearing protection, it is recommended that you read the packaging instructions before using and understand that the effectiveness depends on fit and the environment in which they are worn.

| High-Fidelity Earplugs                                       |                           |         |                      |
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| Brand  | Noise Reduction<br>Rating | Price   | Materials            |
| Alpine Hearing Protection                                    | (3 filters) 16, 19, 22    | \$29.95 | Thermoplastic        |
| DownBeats High Fidelity<br>Hearing Protection                | 18                        | \$13.95 | Silicone             |
| Eargasm High Fidelity Earplugs                               | 16                        | \$34.88 | Silicone             |
| EarPeace HD Concert Earplugs                                 | 11-19                     | \$24.95 | Silicone             |
| ER•20®XS (Etymotic) High-<br>Fidelity Earplugs Universal Fit | 20                        | \$24.95 | Silicone and<br>Foam |
| HEAROS High Fidelity Earplugs                                | 20                        | \$9.18  | Silicone             |
| LiveMus!c HearSafe Earplugs                                  | (2 filters) 29 and 23     | \$28.95 | Silicone             |
| Vibes High Fidelity Concert<br>Earplugs                      | 15                        | \$23.98 | Silicone             |