

## 5 Great Cheap Audio Gifts Under \$50

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Bello Digital BDH821 headphone: \$44.99

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I haven't heard every headphone priced below \$50 -- who has? -- but I can confirm that the [BDH821](#) sounds good, is comfortable and looks cool. Well, it looks cool if you're into that Gucci blingy kind of thing. Which I'm not, but hey, every once in a while it's good to break out of your comfort zone, right?

On a recent jaunt from New York City to Philadelphia, I decided to cheap out and take the local NJ Transit train so I'd have time for a long listening session with the BDH821. By the end of the roughly two-hour trip, the BDH821 was just starting to make my ears uncomfortable. Most headphones would have made me miserable long before that.

I played lots of music on the headphones, and couldn't find a single cut that the BDH821 didn't sound at least pretty good on. It's got a nicely flat tonal balance, with a just-right mix of bass, midrange and treble that suits any music. ([This guy agrees with me.](#)) If you want that pumped-up bass sound, this isn't your headphone, but if you want good, cheap sound, the BDH821 is your headphone.

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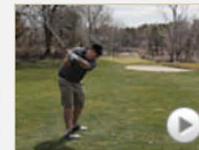
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