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NASHVILLE'S CTS AUDIO ADOPTS JBL VERTEC® SYSTEM, HOSTS CERTIFIED FACTORY TRAINING

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, October 22, 2004 — Further strengthening JBL Professional's leadership of the tour sound market, Franklin, TN-based CTS Audio recently purchased a new arena-sized JBL VERTEC® system. Delivery and preparation of the new rig was followed by a certified technical training course for the company's engineering staff with the first day focused at CTS' shop and the second day at the Gaylord Entertainment Center rehearsal hall in Nashville, TN.

While the first day involved classroom instruction to discuss line array theory, VERTEC system model and array mechanics, digital signal processing and JBL's line array calculator software, the second day featured more hands-on training. Using suspended arrays, members of the CTS Audio engineering staff learned to rig the system and set it up in different combinations. The system's flexibility and versatile packaging, according to Carl Taylor, President of CTS Audio, were major factors in the company's investment in a new VERTEC system. "We chose JBL's VERTEC for its light weight and the fact that different models in the product line work together well but can also perform separate, unique functions," he said. "The third main reason was the broad acceptance of the product — it's widely recognized as one of the top line array systems in the industry, and with that comes a certain level of familiarity on the part of the sound engineers."

CTS Audio, which services a broad variety of corporate staging and large-scale civic events along with clients in the Christian music arena (including Steven Curtis Chapman, who began touring with the VERTEC system in October), takes pride in providing its clients with the latest in audio technology along with skilled technicians to deploy it. "It's important that our staff is well-trained, and we appreciate that JBL came out and spent the time to educate us," Taylor added. "They've given us great support along with a great product."

Since first introducing the VERTEC line array system in 2000, JBL Professional has conducted certified training courses for various rental and tour system owners throughout Asia, Europe and North America. Product specialists serving each geographical region regularly provide system users with up to date information and focused education. "A large-scale line array system, properly set up and ready for use with international touring artists, represents a significant investment," offered David Scheirman, Director of Tour Sound for JBL Professional. "Making sure that our customers are fully equipped to get the best results from their new sound system investment is one of our priorities. The industry's interest in line array technology, and in learning firsthand about how these systems really work, continues to grow around the world. "

CTS Audio can be reached in Franklin, TN at (615) 377-8808. The company's website address is www.ctsaudio.com.

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