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PA PLUS ACES NELLY FURTADO'S CANADIAN HOMECOMING WITH JBL PROFESSIONAL VERTEC® LINE ARRAYS

NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, July 30, 2004 - Demonstrating the reliability of JBL VERTEC® line arrays in acoustically difficult venues, Toronto-based PA Plus handled the sound duties for pop star Nelly Furtado's Canadian tour, which took place during July. The sound system for the tour featured 16 VERTEC VT4889 line array elements, powered by Crown I-Tech amplifiers.

The tour's largest show took place July 15 at the Molson Amphitheatre in Toronto, an open-air facility that includes a covered pavilion with reserved seating for 9,000 as well as lawn seating for an additional 7,000. The show, staged in a reverberant setting, was a resounding success, related Neil McDermott, Vice President of PA Plus. "The Molson Amphitheatre is always challenging in that its construction is mostly glass and concrete surfaces," he said. "The venue is reflective and very hard-sounding. So the challenge is precision focus for system control – keeping the speakers focused to take the architectural elements out of play as much as possible."

PA Plus was able to address the venue's acoustical challenges with the VERTEC rig, which can be set up and controlled in a precise manner. "The best-sounding shows I've witnessed at the Molson Amphitheatre have all been line array systems, and those with JBL VT4889's have been the best," McDermott added. "We've had our VERTEC system for about a year, and it never ceases to please in its application. The FOH engineer, Jeffrey Holdip, had never mixed in the venue before, but was able to dial everything



(left to right): Neil McDermott, Vice President, PA Plus Productions; Mark Radu, Head Systems Engineer, PA Plus Productions; Pip Betteridge, Production Manager; Jeffrey Holdip, FOH Engineer; and Gabor Szepesi, President, PA Plus Productions.

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in quickly, and our VERTECs maintained his mix and the focus of the show's energy throughout the evening."

The VERTEC VT4889 was the first in a growing family of line array system products that now includes the VT4880 and VT4881 subwoofers along with mid-and small sized line arrays. The enclosures can be mixed and matched to accommodate nearly any concert, special event or other sound reinforcement application.

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