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JBL PROFESSIONAL VERTEC® HANGS HIGH AT 2005 BILLBOARD LATIN MUSIC AWARDS

Florida's Acoutech provides sound reinforcement services for
16th annual Ceremony in Miami Arena

NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, May 6, 2005 – In a shining example of the superior coverage characteristics and adjustability of JBL VERTEC® Series line array systems, the systems were chosen for and used at the Billboard Latin Music Awards, held April 28 in Miami, Florida. Featured artists included Marc Anthony, Soraya, Juanes and Conjunto Primavera.

The Miami Arena once again hosted this year's function. The 16,508-seat multi-purpose facility was fitted with a wide, massive temporary stage, which encompassed half of the available venue space and extended deep into the usual seating zones. Vertical coverage for the audience area was challenging due to the steep angle this presented to many viewers on the sides of the large stage. Precision tuning and adjustment of the system was critically important, as this year's show featured multiple performers who ventured into the audience and in front of the loudspeaker arrays, while fitted with live wireless microphones.

Sound reinforcement challenges were met by Acoutech of Hollywood, Florida. The growing firm's sound system design was based around a left/center/right format with auxiliary side arrays to cover the wide audience seating area. Each main array included 12 of JBL's fullsize VT4889 line array elements. JBL VT4889, VT4888, VT4887 were included in the rental system package, which was supported by 16 of JBL's dual-18" VT4880 full size subwoofers. All loudspeakers were powered by Crown I-Tech amplifiers.



From left: Frank Guerra, Audio Supervisor, Telemundo Networks; John Pernal, production audio mixer; Joe Lizano, Music Mixer

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Primary operator for the system was John Pernal. "Our productions are very demanding; we require systems that can deliver excellent results," said Pernal, production mixer for the event. "Occasionally I'm required to mix on other loudspeaker systems, but JBL's VERTEC is the only one I request, when given the opportunity to specify the sound system. Acoutech is one of the finest audio rental vendors I've worked with, and the results here have been exceptional."

The 2005 event marked Acoutech's fourth time in a row to provide a JBL VERTEC system for the star-studded, internationally televised event. Industry veteran Michael Abbott served as Audio Production Supervisor. Acoutech owner A.J. Perez, along with co-owner and chief engineer Juan Turro, headed up a sound reinforcement team of a dozen technicians and audio mixers.

"With advanced technologies like an extensive rental inventory of VERTEC line array systems, AES/EBU digital audio infrastructure, and a dual-path fiber-optic delivery system between the house console and the amplifier locations, Acoutech is an excellent example of a regional firm that is well-positioned to service the area's leading entertainment events." noted David Scheirman, director of tour sound for JBL Professional.

Acoutech can be reached at (954) 964-6055. The company's website address is <http://www.acoutech.com/>

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