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BML-Blackbird Brings Events To Life With JBL Loudspeakers At Espace

NORTHRIDGE, California – Demonstrating the combination of versatility, high output and visually discreet appearance of JBL Professional loudspeakers, BML-Blackbird Theatrical Services recently installed the audio and lighting system at the new Espace entertainment space in Manhattan.

Located in midtown Manhattan on 42nd Street, Espace (pronounced es-pah'-chay) is a modern events venue that holds up to 500 people for seated dinners and 1,000 people for standing receptions. The 10,000-square-foot space hosts a variety of events including fashion shows, corporate functions and fundraisers.

While high-quality audio was an absolute requirement for the system, the owners of Espace did not want the audio equipment to interfere with the visually stunning appearance of the event room. “The owners of Espace wanted sound coverage everywhere possible in the room, but they didn’t want to see it,” said Don Quinton, Audio Engineer, BML-Blackbird. “The loudspeaker system had to be blended into the ceiling.”

Because of their optimal combination of high output, even coverage and visually discreet profile, BML opted for JBL Control 300 ceiling speakers for the lobby area and selected AC2212-WH loudspeakers in white for the main event space. The entire system is powered by Crown CDi4000 and I-Tech amplifiers. The system also includes a Soundcraft GB4 mixing console and processing with a dbx DriveRack 4800. “The speakers had to be in places where they could be heard but not seen, so we used the JBL Control 321 ceiling speakers and 312CS ceiling subwoofers, which took care of the pre-party room,” Quinton said. “The main room has JBL AC2212 loudspeakers throughout the room along with SRX718S subwoofers.”



BML-Blackbird designed and installed a JBL loudspeaker system at Espace in New York, which hosts a variety of events from corporate functions to fashion shows.

“Using products from the Harman lineup gave us a great selection to use to meet the venues requirements,” Quinton added. “The system has a lot of flexibility for different types of events, and the finished system provides the ability to assign the audio to specific zones depending on the client’s request.”

For more information on BML-Blackbird Theatrical Services, please visit www.bml-blackbird-theatrical-lighting-video-sound.com/

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