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Sound Lab Brings Modern Sound to Historic Hippodrome Theatre With HARMAN's JBL VERTEC® Line Arrays

NORTHRIDGE, California – One of the most notable venues in the United States, the historic Hippodrome Theatre in Richmond, Virginia has been renovated with a new sound system, while keeping the historical structure intact. Installed by Sound Lab of Richmond, HARMAN's JBL VERTEC® line array elements and other JBL loudspeakers complete the venue's multi-year renovation and the Theatre re-opened its doors for the Richmond Jazz Festival in August.

Located in Richmond's Jackson Ward, the Hippodrome Theatre opened in 1914 as a vaudeville and movie theater, and has served as a historical cultural center for the African-American community, attracting such acts as Billie Holliday, Nat King Cole, James Brown, Ella Fitzgerald, Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, B.B. King, Ray Charles and Aretha Franklin over the years.

The main PA system at the Hippodrome Theatre now features six JBL VERTEC VT4888DP midsize powered line array elements with DrivePack® technology per side, accompanied by four VT4882DP midsize powered arrayable subwoofers per side. Rounding out the loudspeaker compliment are four JBL AC26 dual 6.5-inch, 2-way, compact loudspeakers, 10 VRX915M 2-way stage monitors, four SRX718S subwoofers, two SRX738F 18-inch, 3-way, full-range loudspeakers, four SRX712M 12-inch, 2-way monitors, four AC2212/95 compact loudspeakers and 14 Control® 26C ceiling speakers to complement the sound design.



"We've had great success with JBL in the past and worked to make the Hippodrome a complete HARMAN solution," stated Jon Sachs, President, Sound Lab. "I've worked on nearly 4,000 shows over the past 10 years and the VERTEC line arrays have delivered results time and time again. JBL is relied on worldwide. The broad product selection JBL offers, coupled with competitive price points, allow me to compete and be awarded a wide variety of projects."

The system also include BSS London processing, 19 Crown CDi 4000 amplifiers and system configuration was performed using Harman HiQnet System Architect™ software.

"The Hippodrome comes to life with JBL in place and the spirit of the legends of yesterday lives on," Sachs continued. "The system turned out great and we are excited to help add even more history to the building."

Sound Lab installed JBL VERTEC line arrays as part of an upgraded sound system at the historic Hippodrome Theatre in Richmond, Virginia.

For more information on Sound Lab, please visit <http://www.soundlabinc.net>.

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