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TOMMY Z TAKES DESERT BY STORM IN MIDDLE EAST USO/AFE TOUR WITH JBL PROFESSIONAL EON SYSTEM

Portable JBL EON line allows blues-based band to travel with their own audio equipment on historic tour.

NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, June 8, 2005 — In a tour of historic proportions, blues/rock artist Tommy Z played more than 20 shows over 30 days throughout the Middle East as part of a USO/AFE tour in support of troops stationed in the region. Thanks in part to the portability of the JBL EON system, the tour was an overwhelming success.

Traveling with his band and a sound engineer, Tommy Z played USO/AFE events on the USS John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier in Bahrain, was part of the first blues-based band to perform in Iraq, played at Central Command in Qatar, and played shows in other locations including Kuwait, Djibouti, Africa, and the United Arab Emirates.

Tommy Z and his band, however, had to travel from event to event with their own equipment, providing their own backline. Because of this, the group needed a system that could pack a punch, but was portable at the same time. This led Tommy to purchase a JBL EON 1500 system, after comparing them with other speakers of similar build. "Traveling with the backline through every airport and on every flight was quite a challenge," Tommy Z said. "With the EONs being so light, with a rolling speaker bag for each it made things a great deal easier."

While the system was concise enough to be transported easily, there was no drop-off in terms of sound quality. "We had to play outside mostly in the desert, in 105-120 degree temperatures, for many people," Tommy Z added. "On the JFK there were



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2,500 people on the flight deck, and yet there were no complaints of not hearing the band or of quality. The EONs worked great even with a moderate PA. The whole band was put through it – guitar, bass, keys, drums, sax, and four vocals! Yet the output was clean and rich.”

With the release of his latest CD, “Universal Love,” Tommy Z will be touring even more in the future. In fact, he has already been asked to return to Iraq to play additional events. More information is available at his website: www.tommyzband.com

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