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### **MANN'S GRAUMAN'S CHINESE THEATRE COMPLETE RENOVATION INCLUDES JBL PROFESSIONAL SCREENARRAY® AND SURROUND SPEAKERS**

ORLANDO, FL - NOVEMBER 1, 2001 Working toward its November 9<sup>th</sup> Grand Opening, the historic Grauman's Chinese Theater has received a complete renovation, including restoration of the theater's original interior including balcony, and new state of the art audio and projection equipment. For the audio system, Mann Theatres, the owner of Grauman's, has chosen JBL Speakers including custom ScreenArray® systems augmented by JBL subwoofers and surround speakers.

Since its opening in 1927, the Grauman's Chinese Theatre has become the world's most famous movie theatre. It was the dream theatre of Sid Grauman, "Hollywood's Master Showman," and his last and most extravagant creation. With its Chinese theme and historic foot and hand prints, millions of visitors a year visit this shrine to cinema. Mann Theatres has undertaken an extensive two-year renovation of the theater, restoring its original decor inside and out as well as returning to its original name. The jade-green bronze roof rises 69-feet into the air and the interior of the theatre is decorated with a king's ransom in exotic art from China.



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When the theater has its grand reopening on November 9, the completely new speaker system will be exclusively JBL, with five custom ScreenArray three-way speakers, 4642A subwoofers and 8340A surround speakers. The new Mann six screen theater adjacent to the Chinese Theatre will also feature JBL ScreenArray, subwoofer and surround speaker systems.

“JBL has always delivered an excellent product along with quality service. Together we will provide the ultimate presentation to our customers as well as the industry in which we serve,” stated Ben Barbosa, C.E.O. of Mann Theatres, “We at Mann look forward to continuing our long term relationship in the years to come.”

“The Grauman Chinese Theatre is the ultimate movie palace and being asked to install our ScreenArray speakers there is a thrill and honor for us at JBL,” said Chuck Goodsell, Director of Cinema Products for JBL Professional. “They could put any speaker they wanted in this historic theater and they selected JBL.”

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