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NASHVILLE'S GRAND OLE OPRY HOUSE FEATURES NEW JBL VERTEC ARRAYS INSTALLED BY CLAIR BROTHERS SYSTEMS

NASHVILLE, TN – October 10, 2003 – JBL Professional is proud to announce the installation of a new JBL VerTec® system into the venerable Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville. Clair Brothers Systems sold and installed the system for the legendary country music venue, now used for a broad variety of performance and presentations events. The 4,400-seat auditorium now features a sound system consisting of JBL Professional and Crown International products.

Installed during the week of September 22nd without interrupting the Opry's busy show and television broadcast schedule, the fast-track project involved coordination among many players. Dan Heins of Clair Brothers Systems led the design and installation team. Noted engineer George Massenburg was engaged by the Opry as audio quality consultant, and veteran studio musician and producer Steve Gibson was involved as music quality consultant. Sam Berkow participated as acoustical consultant. Ted Leamy, Director of Custom Project Management for JBL Professional, coordinated factory technical support and product information.

“The JBL VerTec arrays have wonderful coverage characteristics,” stated Tommy Hensley, PA mixer for the Grand Ole Opry. “The vocals sound clear and natural. Our audio team is impressed with the system’s capabilities.”

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The speaker system consists of various JBL products including 38 VerTec VT4888 mid-size line array speakers, six VerTec VT4880 subwoofers, six AM6315/64 three-way AE Series speakers, 16 Control 30 three-way, high-output speakers, and eight Marquis Series MS28 speakers. The VerTec speakers are located in two main clusters of 12-VT4888s in left/right stereo arrays augmented by two outside arrays consisting of seven VT4888s each. The aligned subwoofer array is centrally located between the left/right clusters. The system describes a semi-circle around the thrust stage. It is fully powered by Crown MacroTech Amplifiers, fitted with IQ PIP cards for remote control and monitoring.

The new VerTec system was first used at the venue on Friday, September 26th for the regularly-scheduled Opry shows. “The clarity and detail of sound from our new system here at the Opry is a vast improvement, noticed by all,” advised Jon Mire, technical services manager for the Grand Ole Opry House. “From the perspective of our venue staff, the pleasure of working with Dan and the guys from MD Clair, along with the support from the JBL team, have made this challenging project a real success.”

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