



JBL Professional
8500 Balboa Blvd.
Northridge, CA 91329
Phone: 818-894-8850
Fax: 818-830-1220
www.jblpro.com

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information contact:

Travis McGee, Griffin Public Relations & Marketing

Phone: (212) 481-3456 Ext 24 email: tmcgee@griffinpr.com

For text and photo files go to the JBL Press Room at: <http://www.jblpro.com/pressroom>

SCHERMERHORN SYMPHONY CENTER CHOOSES JBL VERTEC® LINE ARRAY SYSTEM AFTER REVIEWING OPTIONS

NORTHRIDGE, CALIFORNIA, May 7, 2007—Reinforcing the premium fidelity and flexibility of JBL Professional VERTEC® line arrays to support prestigious live music events, a VERTEC sound system was recently selected for installation at the Laura Turner Concert Hall in the Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Nashville, TN. The Schermerhorn Symphony Center is home to (and owned by) the prestigious Nashville Symphony Orchestra.

The 1,860-seat Laura Turner Concert Hall is one of the few halls nationwide to feature natural interior light through 30 special soundproof windows. With 600 fewer seats than the Nashville Symphony's previous home, Schermerhorn Symphony Center provides audiences and musicians with a more intimate setting. The seats are distributed over three levels, including a special choral loft behind the stage, which can accommodate 146 chorus members, or seat audience members during non-choral performances. The stage can accommodate up to 115 symphonic musicians.

With an eye on providing an ideal acoustic setting for non-amplified orchestral performances, the Nashville Symphony turned to consulting firm Akoustiks of Norwalk, CT to design the space. "We wanted to build a great hall for our Orchestra - that was our primary objective," said Alan Valentine, NSO president and CEO. "At the same time, we knew we would also host pop and jazz performances, so we needed an amplified audio system that could provide clear sound in a highly reverberant space."

Initial construction on the Schermerhorn Symphony Center began in December 2003 and the hall opened on September 9, 2006. However, after a few months with its original sound system, the NSO realized a change was needed. Several options were reviewed, and the venue's technical staff and management finally selected JBL VERTEC based upon successful deployments by a local rental system. To that end, at the venue's request, local systems integrator Spectrum Sound sold and installed JBL VERTEC VT4887 compact line arrays, now located on each side of the stage.



Spectrum Sound installed a JBL VerTec line array system in the new Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Nashville, TN.

The new system is powered by Crown CTS amplifiers, with BSS London signal processing. “We went with the VERTEC system because it’s sized right, it’s highly controllable, and it doesn’t overpower the room,” Valentine added. “We didn’t need excessive volume, we needed precision coverage and fidelity.”

To match the architectural design of the performance space, the VERTEC line arrays were painted white. “Under normal circumstances we would take line arrays out of the air and store them during the orchestra’s classical performances, but the JBL VERTEC arrays work so well aesthetically, that for the most part we have chosen to leave the system in place,” Valentine said.

“The Nashville Symphony has established itself as one of the most prestigious orchestras in the country,” said David Scheirman, vice president, tour sound, JBL Professional. “Moreover, the Schermerhorn Symphony Center is already drawing some of the entertainment industry’s most prominent jazz, pop and rock acts, thanks to its intimate setting and pristine acoustics. JBL looks forward to playing a part in the success of the Center for many years to come.”

About JBL Professional:

Headquartered in Northridge, California, JBL Professional is the world’s leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of professional loudspeakers for recording and broadcast, musician, cinema, touring sound, commercial sound and contracting applications. JBL Professional is the proud recipient of the 2005 Technical GRAMMY® award. JBL Professional is part of the Harman International network of professional and consumer audio companies. For complete product and company information, go to the JBL Professional website at www.jblpro.com.

About the Harman Pro Group:

The Harman Pro Group (www.harmanpro.com) is the world’s largest provider of professional audio products and system solutions for commercial sound, contracting, tour sound, recording and broadcast, musician, portable PA and cinema applications. The Group is headquartered in Northridge, California and includes industry leaders AKG Acoustics, BSS Audio, Crown International, dbx, DigiTech, JBL Professional, Lexicon, Soundcraft, and Studer. The Group is part of Harman International Industries, Incorporated (NYSE: HAR), a leading supplier of high-quality, high fidelity audio products and infotainment systems for the automotive, home and professional markets.

###