
AARP Vegas@50+ Convention Gets Boost with JBL VerTec Gear

LAS VEGAS — Meeting Services, Inc. technical director Ken Freeman credited a combination of “great sound, reliable performance, and easy array configurability” for the company’s selection of VerTec line arrays at the AARP’s Vegas@50+ convention held recently at the Sands Expo Convention Center.

“When we’re providing live sound for high-energy performances, there’s nothing better than VerTec,” Freeman said.

The event featured appearances by celebrities such as Magic Johnson, Jane Seymour, Penny Marshall, Maya Angelou and Martina Navratilova, and included performances by Faith Hill, Kool and the Gang and Gloria Estefan.

The system featured four arrays containing eight VT4889 large-format line array elements each, along with two arrays of six VT4889 elements each, with two of the arrays each also including a pair of VT4887A compact line array elements used for downfills.

Additionally, two arrays of eight VT4887A elements each were employed as signal-delayed arrays. An additional four arrays of eight VT4880 arrayable subwoofers each supplemented the system’s low frequency capabilities.

A large number of JBL’s VRX compact constant curvature array speakers were also in use. Twelve arrays of three VRX932 elements were provided as delays in the exhibition center, while another five VRX932s were placed on top of five VRX918S subwoofers for front fills.

For side fills, Meeting Services deployed two arrays of three VRX928 elements. Other JBL loudspeakers in use included EON10 portable loudspeakers for backstage monitoring in the common areas, and Control 2P monitors backstage for the technical crew. Two pairs of LSR28 studio monitors were used for front-of-house monitoring.

Crown I-Tech HD amplifiers powered the primary VT4889 line arrays, with Crown I-Tech amplifiers in use for the rest of the system. The entire sound reinforcement package relied upon Harman’s HiQnet System Architect software for remote control and monitoring functions.

“The system performed flawlessly, as usual,” Freeman said. “It’s impossible to place a value on being able to know in advance precisely how the system will sound before you’ve even hung the first box. But with our JBL VerTec and VRX loudspeaker arrays, we always know our clients will be happy.”

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