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APA Provides Soundcraft Vi5000 to Santa Fe Opera House

World-renowned open-air opera house gets state of the art technology revamp with the help of Florida-based professional audio company

Altamonte Springs, FL - September 15, 2016 - The Santa Fe Opera House in New Mexico teamed up with Atlantic Professional Audio, Inc. CEO, Craig Beyrooti, to consult with and oversee the installation of massive upgrades to the opera house's audio systems in May 2016. Karl Kern, Head of Department at Santa Fe Opera, called APA to find the best solution to upgrade the outdated analog console and system the opera house had. Requiring a digital console with Dante capabilities and four stageboxes in different locations, the Soundcraft Vi5000 was recommended by Beyrooti as the best option for its feature set and its ease of use for those transitioning from analog consoles.

Although operatic performances at Santa Fe Opera are almost always unamplified; recordings, monitor mixes and elaborate sound effects are heavily used in most productions. The Vi5000 gives the ability to send various sound effects in multiple locations, record through Dante and amplify a production at will. Kern elaborated, "The Vi5000 has provided us with great processing and routing capabilities while maintaining a simple user friendly control surface that is well suited for our young technicians and apprentice program."



Photo Courtesy of C.J. Whitaker

Kern's team installed the Vi5000, two compact and two mini stageboxes, a power sequencer and surge protection along with speakers and microphones purchased from APA. The installation was seamless as APA provided the console with a rolling work-surface, while the stageboxes were pre-wired with quick disconnects in portable racks for easy storing during the off season.

Beyrooti and Kern go a long way back, having worked together at Riverside Theatre in Vero Beach, Florida, on multiple productions. "It was great to work with Karl again at the beautiful Santa Fe Opera. We have shared many fun experiences and it's always nice to get together over some cool gear," Beyrooti said.

During training, Beyrooti set up a multi-track session so that Kern and his team could have hands on practice in a simulated live setting. "Working with Craig has been a great opportunity to bring one of my former mentors on board to share additional knowledge with the team of apprentices working with me at The Santa Fe Opera this season," Kern said.

A few weeks after the installation, Tom Der, National Sales Manager at Soundcraft USA, went to the opera house to provide another day of training for the team, giving them more insight into the intricacies of the console. The upgrades have been very well received as the opera house is now in full swing with its current season.

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