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Technology resources for your shows & events.

Resource Stage News is a service publication of Horizon Solutions. This newsletter exists to assist schools, churches, theatres and amateur technicians to learn and keep connected to industry leading technologies and techniques.

An extension of our Resource Stage seminars, this newsletter aims to keep you informed of new trends, pricing, specials and the latest industry news.

Have an idea for our newsletter? Contact us at 519-453-3368 or info@resourcestage.ca. We would enjoy to hear your feedback!

Horizon Solutions is a member of



Canadian Institute for Theatre Technology

2012/13 Seminars Join us in person or online!

The summer of 2012 is going to go down in Horizon Solutions history as one of the busiest ever!

We have been working with, supporting and installing systems for clients all across Ontario this summer. We have had projects in Windsor, Sarnia, Chatham, Guelph, Cobourg, Burlington, Hamilton, Strathroy, Cambridge, Brantford, Listowel, Toronto, Stratford and of course London.

Our system designs are becoming more and more interesting all the time. Digital Audio consoles are becoming much more common place for many of our clients. Touch screens, customized Ipad apps and wall station control systems are finding their way into more and more of our installations.

Our clients are telling us that they want systems that sound great, look great, are safely installed, easy to maintain and are flexible for the future. But one of the biggest concerns often revolves around training new users and operators. Much to the surprise of many clients the more technology we implement the easier it is to explain and teach.

Technology like digital audio consoles change the way people visualize audio as they learn how it works. Control systems like Ipad and smartphone control systems work on a platforms many of us are already accustomed to, giving the most novice video operator a feeling of comfort with the system.

It's great to be able to provide clients with tools to meet their goals. Whether it's in the teaching environment of their school, the worship and teaching in a church, on stage in theatre or on the patio of their restaurant. Horizon Solutions is building systems for clients that exceed their expectations.

Seminars for one and all!

The 2012 / 13 seminar season is here with some favourites from the past and a few new ones to help you keep up with the newest trends. This season is going to feature product demonstration nights throughout the year over and above the regular seminars. Check our www.resourcestage.ca for more info!

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Vocal Mic Shootout Results

In April 2012 we hosted our first "Vocal Microphone Shootout". We had a male and female vocalist sing into close to a dozen microphones in an isolated room. Splitting up the mics into groups of three based on type, cost and manufacturer recommended comparative models, we set the stage for a blind listening experiment.

We then asked the Resource Stage audience to pick which microphone they liked best in each group of three.

The results were very interesting.

These are some of the highlights.

In no particular order or favour, just as we noted them.

The Shure SM58 was boring and without life.

The Betasart from Shure was a surprise. Almost everyone liked it.

The Sennheiser microphones stood out as they seemed to have the least effect (good or bad) on a vocal performance. Not everyone liked that. Some found it to be more "pure".

The Audix Om3 was favoured. The Audix Om5 was not.

The Audix Om7 was said to be "too close to the Shure KSM9 to ignore, especially when it sells for 1/3 the price"

Don't take our word for it. Try the microphones yourself. Call or email us for more information about our microphone trial program.

HELP!

How do I know what to buy?



We like to think that people trust us as a supplier. In fact we get comments from people quite often where they will say "Thank you, you were right, it worked". That's a great feeling.

But, that's not always as easy as it sounds. There are lots of situations where it's very difficult for us to either know enough about a specific scenario or be able to arm you with enough information for you to then be able to convince a committee or board of directors with words alone.

So, we need ways to make it easier for you to make wise purchase decisions that you can feel confident in and that you can put your name to. These are some of the things we do to help.

RESOURCE STAGE SEMINARS

The premise behind Resource Stage seminars has always been quite simple. It's a way to educate and inform professional and amateur technicians and operators regarding equipment and techniques used on stage. The point of these seminars is to help you learn more about the equipment, how to use it and what to look for when it's time to purchase. We don't usually tell you what to purchase, we tend to try to help you identify what to look for and what not to purchase.

But we also spend a lot of time looking at how to use the equipment once you have it. A quick perusal of this year's schedule and you should see that very quickly.

PRODUCT DEMONSTRATION NIGHTS

While the Resource Stage seminars are more about concepts and broad product information, the **Product Demonstration Nights** are much more focussed.

This year we have planned three product

demonstration nights, with potential for more to come.

These nights are intended as a way for you to hear about new equipment and see it first hand. This is a great way for you to get a handle on whether or not a piece is really something you should be considering to budget for or ignore.

Product Demonstration Nights 2012/13

October 23rd 2012 - 7:00pm
PRESONUS STUDIO LIVE DIGITAL
AUDIO CONSOLES

November 20th 2012 - 7:00pm
ALLEN & HEATH GLD DIGITAL
AUDIO CONSOLES

January 29th 2012 - 7:00pm
MyMix PERSONAL MONITOR MIXING

EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

You've done your research. You've come to Resource Stage, come to the product demo night and have asked as many questions as you can think of but sometimes you just need to try it. We understand that.

Although we can not do this for everything we sell we understand that there are certain types of equipment that you need to try out in your application. And so we have a program for that.

If you would like to try a piece of gear you are welcome to do so for one week at no rental cost to you. We will make arrangements for you to test that piece for one week. After that you will be charged our regular rental rates. However, if you decide to purchase the equipment within one month of returning the gear you will receive up to 50% of the rental cost back. Sound like a good idea? We do this sort of thing for microphones all the time.

Like some more info? Contact us and we'll help by giving you the tools to make an informed decision.

RENTAL solutions

Summer events and shows...
Fall is right around the corner!

Think you need something
but don't know where to
get it? Give us a call and
we might just have what
you're looking for.

Contact Paul Walker at 519-453-3368
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Technology Tips... Did you know?

Shield the audience, control the drums.

Electronic drums are not for everyone. Yes they have come a long way in the last few years, and going to a digital / electronic drum kit does have great potential to help you control the drum sound in your venue. But it may not be the answer for your application.

Another way to control your drum sound it to use a clear plexi drum surround. One of the most respected manufacturers of these shields is ClearSonic. Horizon Solutions has been providing ClearSonic surrounds for a number of years as part of our acoustic recommendations. Drum shields are great but don't forget. You've now put the drummer in a box. And not just a regular box, a very reflective box. If you're going to go this route it would be wise to budget for some drum mics and a monitor system of some sort. If you contact us we can help you plan it all out.



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GEAR THAT'S GOT OUR ATTENTION

EASYWORSHIP
update is coming
for both PC & MAC!



Many of our church clients use EasyWorship as their go to software for everything they project on a Sunday morning.

Well after a long wait EasyWorship is finally getting the overhaul a lot of users have been asking for.

For the first time EasyWorship will be available on both PC and MAC platforms and the upgrade price is cheap! Call us for more info.

Upgrade from EW 2009
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for PC or MAC
\$399.00

Coming Fall 2012

Vaddio HD PTZ High Definition Camera



There are many reasons why people want HD remote controlled cameras these days. Theatres, schools, churches... we have many clients wanting to get the best video image with the easiest control possible.

The Vaddio HD PTZ Cameras are a great way to achieve this. With a range of options from a USB version to a basic version with very little frills. If you're looking for a way to capture or broadcast HD video the Vaddio solution may be the answer.



Annual National Conference
London, ON
August 14th - 18th 2012

The Canadian Theatre Industry is coming to London this summer.

You are invited too.

APRIL 17th
1:30PM - 5:30PM

Free Industry Trade Show
London Convention Centre

2012/13 Seminars

Sept 11th - Audio Mixers 101

Oct 9th - Sound Checks and Rehearsals

Nov 13th - Stage Lighting 101

Jan 15th - Trouble Shooting Audio/Video Systems

Feb 12th - Live Audio Mixing 101

Mar 19th - Large Image Projection

all seminars are held at
Horizon Solutions
1069 Clarke Rd London
(less otherwise noted)

sign up at www.resourcestage.ca to receive emails about the next Resource Stage seminar - \$5 @ the door - no registration required



Get connected to industry leading technology and techniques.

Audio, Lighting & Video Seminars for Amateur Technicians

Resource Stage seminars are an opportunity for the part time technician, teacher or theatre enthusiast who wants to learn more about the technical aspects of shows and events.

We encourage all participants to come with their questions and real life experiences to add to the discussion forum.

Each month we discuss and explore the latest technology and techniques as presented by industry professionals.

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