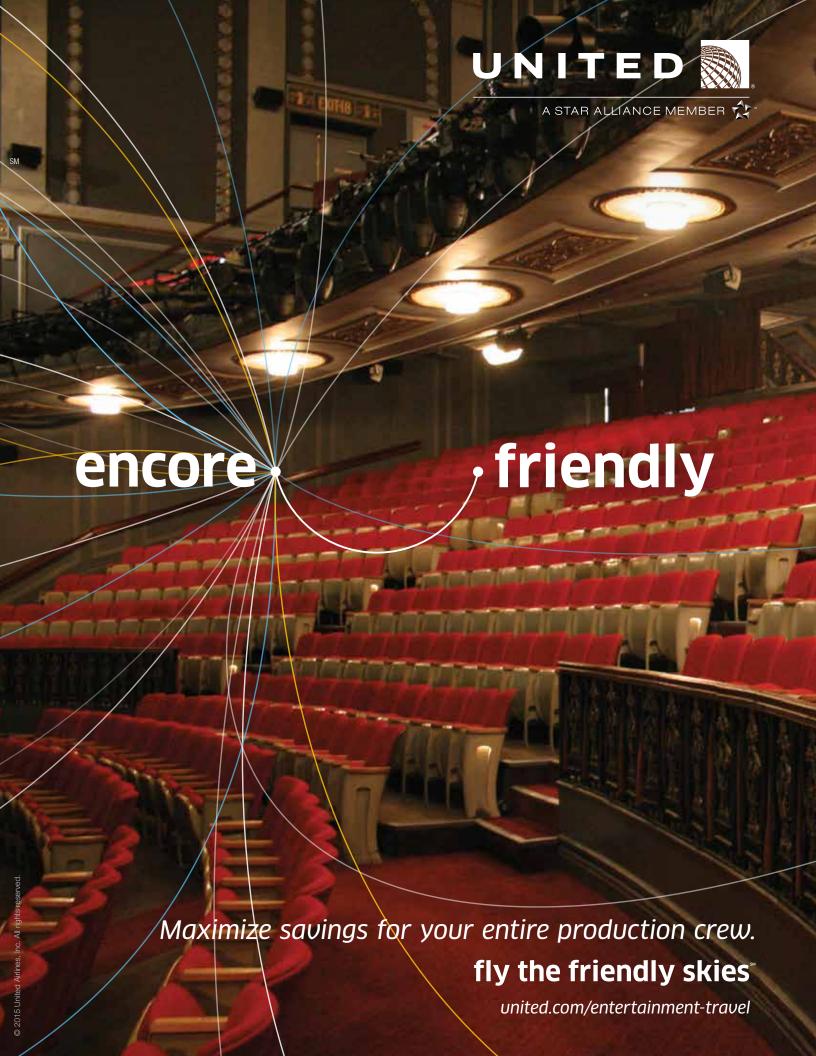
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In this issue is a special feature piece on Alice in Chains, headed up by a close, personal friend, Award Show Co Host Chuck Randall. Chuck, a legend in the Industry, is one of the hardestworking pros in the business. Few know that he has devoted himself to helping others who battle with addictions, or how many lives, careers and families his work has salvaged from disaster. When his time comes, there will be a special place for him upstairs, but here, we will always keep him in our hearts.

As part of the lead feature, we also profile the new J. Elliott transport company, Jose McAllister's new coach company on the AIC tour. Jose is also an old friend and a top pro in the business. We wish him well in this new venture.

We also feature another ageless act, The Who. It was great to cover a show with older rockers who still have the "pipes and the chops" To be honest, as much as I enjoyed the show...Eminence Front is a personal favorite...the soundcheck was very revealing. Watching a group as polished as this band go through a mini-rehearsal and sound set-up, I was struck with a revelation as to why the entire crew is a no-nonsense group of seasoned pros who do not miss a trick.

This is a rare instance in our industry when Father and Son are also contractor and service provider. Mr. Curbishley (notice my emphasis on "Mr.") and son Mickey are both legends in our Industry and Mr. Bill had a lot to do with my early success in this business in the early 80's.

We also try to present some interesting press releases in each issues, but I would direct our readers to keep checking our magazine website www.mobileproductionpro.com for timely news and releases.

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by Jordan Haymaker

"Without quality service, it's just another bus and driver," explained long time driving veteran, Jose McAllister, who has earned his reputation through decades of quality service.

Jose began his career with Entertainment Coaches of America, Inc. "It started as a favor for my friend Phil Kovac," said Jose, "but it seems like I'm doing something right because over 23 years later I'm still continuing the favor," he joked.

J. Elliott Entertainment was established in 2000. Jose wanted to be out on his own, but also stay in the bus business, so Entertainment Coaches of America, Inc. owner, Jerry Calhoun, offered him the opportunity to lease a coach for his own operation and book tour as well.

J. Elliott Entertainment operates out of both locations in Chino Hills, California and Leesburg, Florida providing concert tour buses nationwide. Their inventory now consists of 6 busses with interior builds of either 12 bunks for the crew/band bus or 6 bunks for the star bus. Amenities include front and rear lounge seating, big screen TVs, bathroom, shower, bunk TVs, microwave, fridge, Direct TV, WiFi, video games, ice chests, and galley es-

sentials.

Staff consists of 8-10 drivers, each having a Class B license with a passenger endorsement and/or a Class A license for towing heavier trailers. What makes these drivers special is their ability to share past concert tour travel stories and situations such as explaining driving directions, venue name changes, hotel/city parking, eating spots, maintenance issues, and Jose's favorite... the best chrome wheel polishers. "I take pride in sharing my driving experiences, which is something you can't get when handed a tour book or by looking in the road atlas," he added.

Jose's knowledge of the service is what really sets this company apart with his years of experience on the road and the knowledge gained from the ground up. From a driver to leasing and assisting in buying and selling, he's been involved in all aspects. Jose laughed, "It's funny, outside the bus world you can introduce me to someone and I'll forget their name as soon as they turn around, but show me a coach and I will remember everything about it inside and out and the builder as well." (continued on pg 17)















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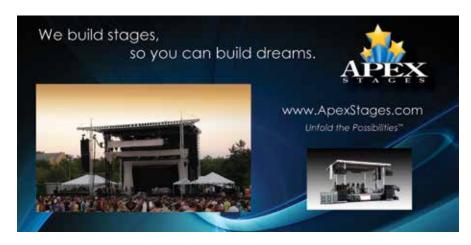
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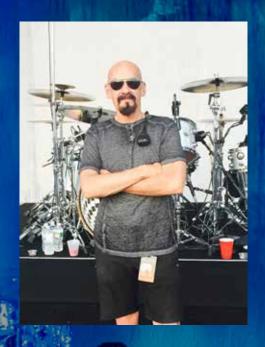
Hot and Heavy Metal Summer Tour

Photos and Story by Shelby Cude

On the second leg of their summer tour, the metal band Alice In Chains, spent two sold-out nights rocking out at the legendary Ryman Auditorium, the Mother Church of Music City, USA. The band has been known in the past to go on lengthy tours to support new albums. This summer however, they've been trucking across the United States with two busses and two trucks for twenty-one shows in thirty-four days, keeping their 25 years of music alive by playing deep cuts from some of their old records and packing every venue they've played.

Most of the crew members have been with the band for years. From band-crew poker nights to their collective bowling league, the band and crew enjoy their time together while on the road. Tour Manager and Accountant, Chuck Randall, explained to Mobile Production Monthly, "Every Alice In Chains tour is very much a family vibe."





Randall has over thirty years in the touring and production industry, including ten years with Alice In Chains, During that time Randall has worn many hats while working for the band, everything from production manager to tour manager and tour accountant. Randall emphasized his deep appreciation to the band and management for the privilege of being part of the very special and iconic Alice In Chains organization.

When speaking of challenges on the road, Randall pointed out "every tour faces its share of challenges. That is the nature of trying to move dozens of people trucks, buses and equipment to multiple cities and venues every week. Randall added, "we all know what those challenges are and can be—the real challenge is in how well we respond to them as professionals." (continued on pg 11)









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Please meet a few of the professionals working with Chuck Randall and Alice In Chains.

Loyal Band, Loyal Crew

Thirty-year veteran, Assistant Tour Manager, Todd "Baldy" Shuss, first met the band in 1988, not long after they started. While hanging out at some of their early shows as his brother filmed them, he helped out where he was needed. Shuss explained that as the band got bigger, he jumped at the chance to go out on the road with them and became a full time employee while also working in their management office. Shuss said the best thing about working for the band is "they've essentially stayed the same guys they've always been since they were dead broke and struggling. They're great guys who treat the people around them with respect and loyalty." It was obvious speaking with the crew that loyalty to the band is returned.

On production for this tour, Shuss said it's, "clean and simple," with the band letting the music speak for itself. In spite of the band being off for ten months, "they've hit the ground running and have sounded as tight and as 'on' as ever," added Shuss. Smaller ven-



ues with a capacity of 3,000-5,000 people, are great from a fan standpoint and give them a more intimate feel. Shuss admitted it can sometimes be a slight pain for the crew trying to provide a heavy rock show in a small space, but noted "our techs, monitor guy and FOH guy still have them sounding monstrous every night regardless of the venue size."

Heavy Sound, Light Load, Provided by Clair Global

Another long time crew member is FOH Engineer, Tom Abraham. He's been with the band on and off for eight years. Abraham got his start in the music industry in 1989, going from mixing at a bar during college for fun to arena tours. Abraham admitted

that his niche is "the more heavy stuff" with a few exceptions like pop act Shakira and country star, Keith Urban. The deep rock and roll sound of Alice In Chains has always been right up Abraham's alley and he appreciates the enthusiasm and support from fans, "the business hasn't been so good for rock bands so it's refreshing to work for a band where every night is packed."

Abraham said he approaches his work with every band as if he was a huge fan and mixes their sound the way a fan would want to hear it. "If I was a punter and went to the gig, I'd want it to be intense. I don't want it to be polite, and with this band, it's not," explained Abraham. According to Abraham, the few textured songs the band

plays only makes the heavier songs that much heavier, making for a dynamic showcase of their music.

For this tour, Abraham mixes on an Avid Profile console provided by Clair Brothers, using zero tracks and EQ in exchange for third party plug-ins. As Abraham said, "it's all real, sounds so much better and it's noticeable." For their two night performance at the Ryman Auditorium, the band plugged into the house PA. Keeping the stage devoid of any live cabinets and putting the bass rig cabinets behind the silver curtain, allowed for a clean stage that focused on the band.

One of the newest faces on the Alice In Chains crew, is lead guitarist and singer/songwriter, Jerry Cantrell's tech, Brian Herb. Herb's been in the audio industry for twenty-two years. He's been FOH/TM for Helmet, a guitar tech for Bush, and runs a recording studio and a backline rental company back home in Minneapolis.

Herb's been with the band for only five weeks but already said he's "enjoyed the hell out of it!" He landed the gig through friend and co-worker, Scott Dachroeden, who is the bass guitar tech to Mike Inez. "Working with Jerry is different than most in this job title since I'm handling his whole rig," said Herb, adding the challenges being on tour "keeps the work fresh and never dull."

Rock Show Lighting Provided by See Factor Against Sew What? Backdrop

Lighting Designer and Director Marty Postma is another long time crew member since 2006. Postma described the production as "selfcontained," using only a few moving lights on stage and behind a semitranslucent fabric. Along with other soft-goods (legs and borders) the backdrop is a custom piece fabricated by "Sew What?" a leading nation-



al manufacturer of custom theatrical drapery. Lighting was provided by See Factor with the addition of a few lights from the house rig for the crowd and spots.

Postma said with every venue he hopes for a stage that's at least 50 feet wide and 30 feet deep to give the band enough room to rock out with the large lights onstage. The lights are ShapeShifters. Each fixture is made up of seven wash lights. The outer six segments of these can move and change colors independently of one another. The video is projected onto the drop and onto the band by a separate set of DLHD fixtures hung on a downstage truss giving band members a psychedelic look onstage. Both the ShapeShifters and the DL-HD's are manufactured by High End Systems.

Postma controls the lights on a HOG4 console because "it is the

only console that can handle the crossfade between true video and lighting looks via the ShapeShifters elegantly," he explained. This is an important consideration since "we project onto the front of the backdrop, we shine the lights through behind it, and onto it, allowing us to create all sort of shapes, colors, and patterns," he added. The advantage of this setup said Postma, is they can work in a variety of venue sizes by shortening the truss and hanging the drapes in different places. With four lights behind the fabric and eight on stage, Postma is able to enhance the band's heavy sound with a smooth yet dynamic lighting array.

Good news for Alice In Chains fans, Tour Manager Chuck Randall said the band will be writing and releasing a new album in the next year with a tour to follow. Check out opportunities to catch them live at the band's website.

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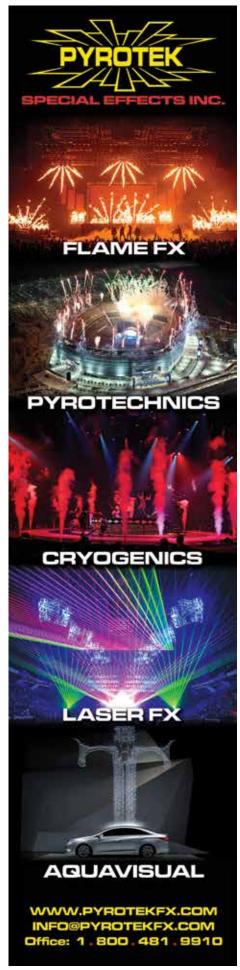
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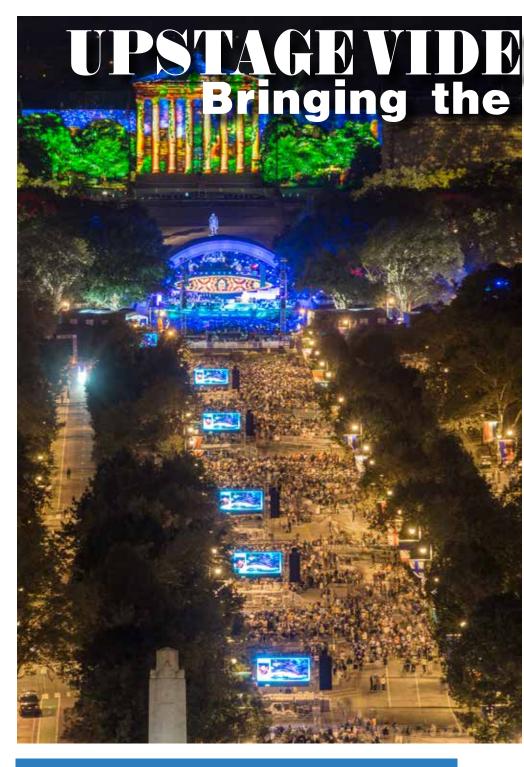


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It was the responsibility of Upstage Video to extend the weekend's activities to the overflowing crowds that stretched along the parkway. The company, well known for their expertise in designing and delivering video systems to the world's most demanding live events, was up for the challenge of displaying the most important moments. From the Pope's arrival at Philadelphia International Airport, to

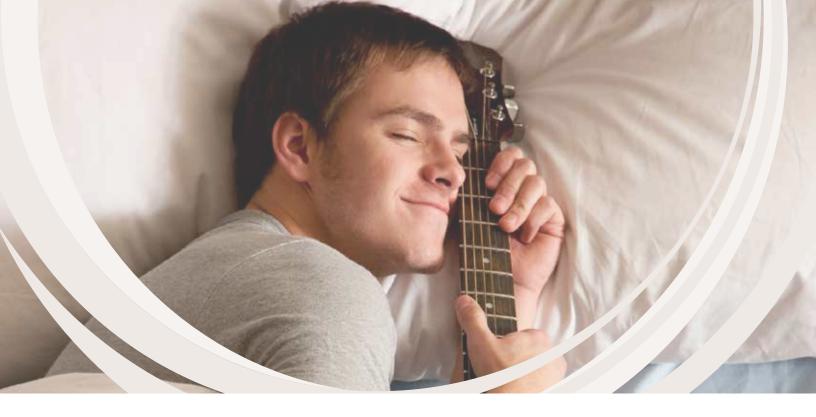
musical performances featuring Aretha Franklin and Andrea Bocelli, to a gigantic open air mass on Sunday, the LED screens played an important role in delivering an intimate experience from blocks away.

Pope Francis' visit was without a doubt the largest single-site, multiple screen event in history. In addition to the 31 LED screens at the main event in Philadelphia, Upstage Video also provided screens for Papal events that took place in Washington, DC and New York City. "We assemble the most experienced team in the world to tackle these mega events," says Doug Murray, President of Upstage Video. "In addition to our own in-house tech leads, Geza Divenyi, Christian Matthews and Greg Brown, we called upon Pieter Lambert of the Belgian firm, Photonics. Pieter is a world-renowned live events, video systems designer. When we put together our technical footprint his insight was invaluable."

Upstage Video utilized a combination of Liantronics and ROE LED products for the event. Over 160 square meters of brand new ROE MC-7 (7mm indoor/outdoor LED) panels were used along the parkway while Liantronics RK-6 (6mm indoor/outdoor LED) panels flanked the stage. "We delivered a flawless show to an audience of over one million people on an urban site that stretched over 3 miles and 30 city blocks, a tall order by anyone's standards. To say we are proud of our crew would be an understatement," said Murray.

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Jose strives to have the company that caters to anyone and everyone. "Thinking back, it's easier for me to remember who I've toured with than who I haven't," laughed Jose. He pointed out that every concert touring bus company provides basically the same interior layouts and equipment except for color schemes and a few other amenities. Jose said the real difference is in the style of service. "We're all the same, so the selling point is the service we provide," said Jose, emphasizing again what sets J. Elliott Entertainment apart from other companies.

For Alice in Chains, J Elliott Entertainment provided 1 coach for the band and 1 for the production crew on their summer tour. Chuck Randall, Tour Director & Accountant for Alice In Chains, complimented J. Elliott Entertainment, "the 2015 PROVOST X3 buses were comfortable, smooth, and serviceable. Plus, the drivers were dedicated and professional. I enjoyed working with Jose McAllister and his team."

Jose humbly admitted, "Initially I never looked at this like a business to make money or to be successful." The most important things to him were the idea of traveling with different people, seeing the United States, and the friendships he made. The toughest part has been being away from his wife and kids, but he feels fortunate that they accept that he might miss out on activities and are supportive and appreciative of the sacrifices he makes to be able to pursue his passion by managing J. Elliott Entertainment.

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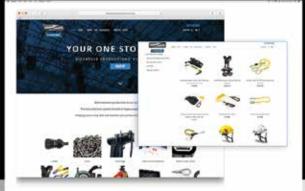
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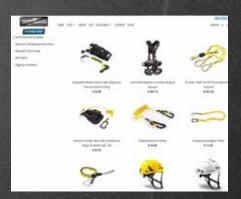
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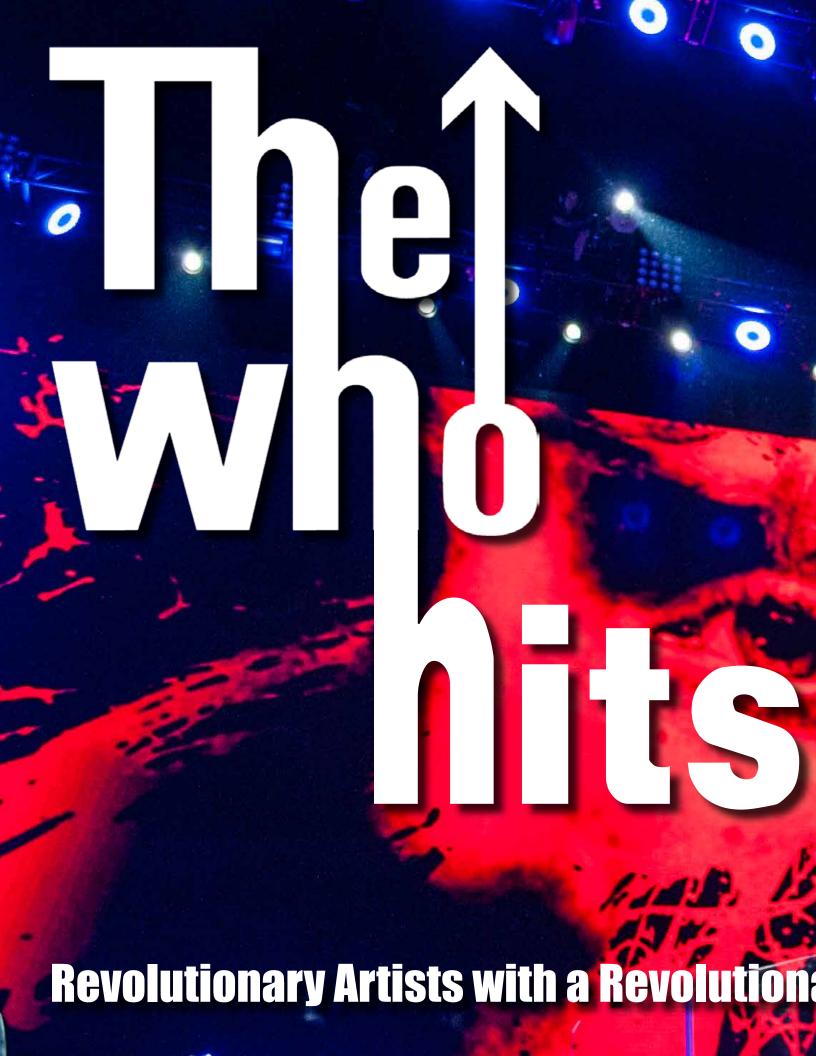
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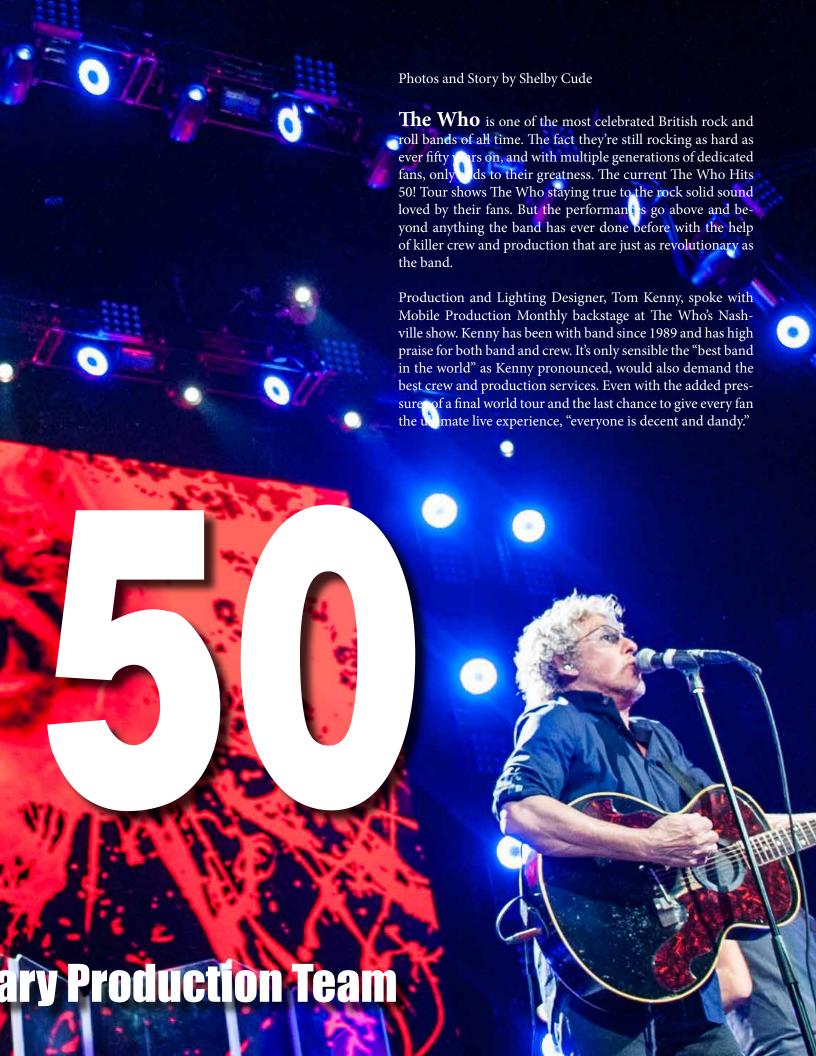
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Kenny said the band has of course gone through many different designs and looks over time, but on this tour, they sought to keep it "clean" without the use of smoke. He explained the band wanted a more "ascetical look" to let the music speak for itself. From the moment the doors open, fans are reminded of the band's history as facts and footage specific to the city they're preforming in are posted up on the big screens. Throughout the show, archived footage collected from fifteen years of touring is incorporated into the video content, shining a light on the history of the band.

The Who Hits 50! already has great reviews, but "it's not good enough for us," LD Tom Kenny said, "because we want to make it the best show we can since these are the last shows they'll ever do."

Video Content fit for PRG Nocturne's new 7mm LED wall

Giani Fabricio, founder of Ultima Productions, is one of the many exceptional team members touring with the Who. He has twelve years of industry experience, primarily with electronic dance acts like Deadmau5, Eric Prydz, Chase & Status and Sub Focus. He began working with the Who during the rock opera Quadrophenia Tour in 2012 and joined The Who Hits 50! Tour in November 2014.

Fabricio is the touring Video Content Director running the visuals live from FOH using a video control system he designed specifically for this show. His system uses a mixture of apps such as Resolume Arena, Magic, Vezer, & QuartzComposer interconnected by protocols like Midi,OSC and Syphon, which allows streaming of video from one application to another directly on the graphics card without perceivable latency. "What you can do these days," explained Fabricio, "is avoid having to settle or rely on one proprietary media server environment with its inevitable tradeoffs. Instead you can use the best features from a variety of apps, linked together with networking and streaming protocols, to create yourself a modular video control solution that is optimized for the specific needs of each show. This gives you more flexibility to solve problems or add functionality on the fly, not necessarily having to rely on the mercy of a busy software developer halfway across to world to implement new features or fix problems within the tight deadlines of show business"

Unlike for Audio and Lighting, the Video touring world doesn't offer much in terms of consoles to control media servers. Often Lighting consoles are used instead, but this has its drawbacks. Instead, Fabricio built his own modular console using a mixture of Black Magic displays and Native Instruments S4 and F1 controllers typically used for audio effects by DJs, re-programming them to work with video applications. Simply put, Fabricio is a video DJ running turntables for visual effects.

Fabricio uses two Apple Mac Pro computers which he considers "ideal for touring logistics" for two primary reasons. Firstly, they can be racked so that all connections run through the top of the devices rather than the back like most setups, making patching a breeze and decreasing the likelihood of physical disconnections during travel. Secondly, their compact size allows two computers in the same amount of rack space that would typically hold only one PC, and if they need to be moved they both fit into a small peli case that can be hand boarded on a plane.

Part of the system are also some Black Magic capture interfaces that allow the servers to receive the live camera feeds, and a Focusrite Rednet Madi/Dante bridge, enabling up to 64 channels of high quality audio from the FOH desk to the servers via a single coax cable. It's a high tech, tour friendly collaboration that allows Ultima's servers to receive time code, or specific audio tracks from the band's instruments to incorporate audio reactive effects into the show.

Behind stage in "video world", Video Director Mathieu Coutu is in charge of all that is live cameras, directing a team of four operators using Grass Valley LDX-80 Premiere video cameras with Fujinon 99X Long Lenses, as well as a series of robo cams. Coutu mixes the feeds live via a ME Karrera-S Switcher, and all the signals including content are then mapped in various configurations between the LED screen and IMAG via a Spyder X20 Video Processors.



The result of these streams appear on the crystal clear VR-7 7mm LED video screen from PRG Nocturne. Manned by Video Crew Chief and Lead LED tech, Adam Dragosin, this gorgeous screen makes its tour debut as the newest line of LEDs out on the market. Hanging 41 wide and 31 feet tall it has an impressive pixel range of 1680 by 1280. Still, this massive screen is made up of over three hundred and thirty video tiles, collapsing into 14 carts and only taking up about half of a truck. Dragosin, with ten years working for PRG Nocturne, is familiar with all the great products from PRG Nocturne. Still, he said, he loves working with the 7mm VR-7 tiles. After all, what's not to love about working with a brand new product? And boy does it look crystal clear, and from every seat in the house. Dragosin's team of video experts also operate four Grass Valley LDX-80 Premiere video cameras with Fujinon 99X Long Lenses, using ME Karrera-S Switchers and Spyder X20 Video Processors, also thanks to PRG Nocturne as a part of the Karrera S-series SD/HD/3G Video Flypack, to capture The Who in action.

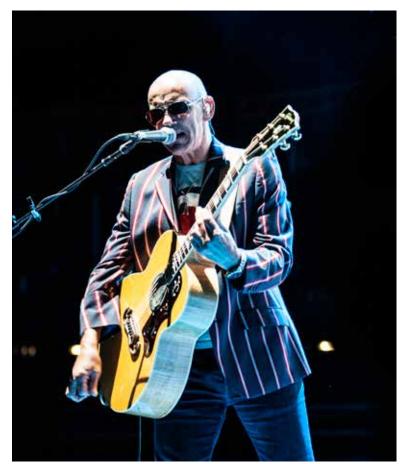
Lighting Design as Transformative as the Music, Equipment from PRG

Lighting Director Jim Mustapha began working with lead singer Roger Daltrey on his solo tours in 2010 and joined The Who in 2012 for Quadrophenia. Using Tom Kenny's clean and beautiful lighting design, Mustapha works his magic with an MA Lighting grandMA2, calling it "the most amazing desk on the market."

Mustapha controls from the lighting rig, supplied by PRG, of over fifty Philips Vari-Lite VL3500 Spots and ten VL3500 Washes and over fifty Martin Professional Atomic 3000 strobes, as well as over fifty Chauvet Nexus 4X4 LED Panels for amazing shapes and effects.

The lighting rig incorporates The Who's iconic target symbol with over sixty Robe Robin 1200 LED Washes that can all be controlled separately. Mustapha uses GLP impressions X4's for a downstage floor and PA wash, noting they "have a great strobing effect that we use for the song "Squeezebox," mimicking an old time stutter."

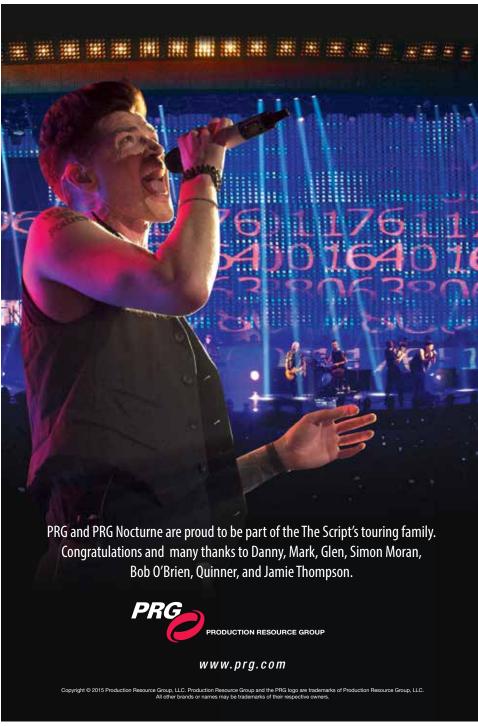
Asked about any technical challenges on the tour, Mustapha laughed, "My biggest challenge each day is wondering how I'm going to fit enough chairs on the lighting riser to accommodate all of our guests!" He added, "If accommodating VIP's on the riser is the biggest challenge, you know you're on a great tour."

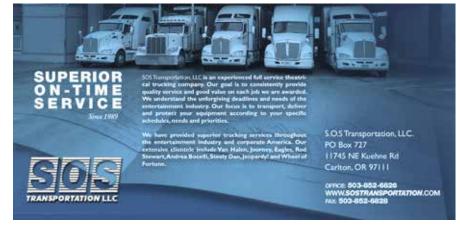


















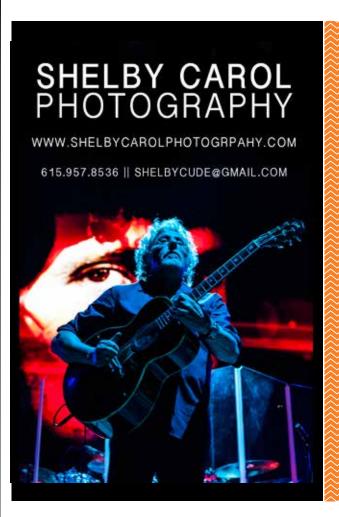
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Brian Anderson has a history of working

audio production for many top notch acts like KISS, The Who, and Blues Traveler. His most recent gig as Tour Manager and FOH Sound Engineer was during the 2012-2013 Vintage Trouble Tour. More recently he and Keith Marks started their own company called Band Production Services, centrally located in the heart of Los Angeles and Orange counties. They provide cartage of equipment, storage, equipment & personnel sourcing, production consulting, stage management and many other music, concert and event related services.

I had the pleasure of meeting Brian during a summer tour we did together in 2012 with the Cirque Dreams production of "Pop Goes the Rock." It was a nation-wide theater tour (with a couple of arenas) and we played in different sized venues, from the Hard Rock Live in Hollywood, FL to the FargoDome in Fargo, ND. With the true gift of a teacher, Brian was my first introduction to a true production professional in the craft of audio engineering.

JL: Let's talk a bit about your background. Why did you decide to pursue the path of being a touring

Inferview with Audio Guy

Brian Anderson

of Band Production Services

by Jay Lamm

sound engineer and what steps did you take to learn the necessary skills to be able to perform that job professionally?

BA: My first introduction to sound engineering was in High School. I learned from an elder student about patching, signal flow & basic gain structure. Over the next several years I bounced between being a musician / performer and a sound engineer for other bands. The reality was that I made more money as a sound guy than as a musician in those days. I decided to pursue sound full time. I went to work for an Internationally known sound company in Chicago called dB Sound. There I learned the ins and outs of high end touring, sound equipment, and various mixing techniques. I had no formal schooling in sound. I just observed and asked a lot of questions. I also picked up a house sound gig at a local nightclub down the street from my home. Nothing can compete with hands-on learning and making mistakes (and hopefully not repeating those mistakes). I would also recommend reading industry publications and networking with other working engineers whenever possible.

JL: What piece of gear do you currently own and use that you consider to be indispensible to your operation and why?

BA: My MacBook Pro & Spectrafoo by Metric Halo. Spectrafoo is a software package that gives a visual representation of the sound spectrum via a spectragram and a spectragraph, as well as many other useful audio tools. You can easily see harmonic content and identify standing waves or feedback. There are other spectrum analyzer hardware and software packages on the market. This is the one that works











best for me. The Mac has multitudes of other uses as well.

JL: I've heard you remark about certain structural details that make you cringe when you first see a theater's layout. What's one thing you see about a venue's design that you hate, and how do you go about adjusting for that?

BA: It always sucks to be in a position that is not representative of most of the venue, whether it is under a balcony, far off to the side or behind the stage. I did a gig recently that all of the speakers in the PA system were aiming at a level floor space yet the mixing booth was 12 feet above the ground. I was forced to mix on earphones and could only guess at what the audience was hearing. iPad mixing has put a whole new spin on mixing location. Now we are no longer confined to a single space and can move around the room to hear what others hear. Another thing that I take notice of when I enter a venue is the surfaces of the walls, ceiling and floor. By knowing the acoustical properties of a variety of materials, you can get a sense of what your challenges may be. For example, if you aim a speaker directly at a hard smooth surface such as marble or glass, you can count on the reflection of that sound to have almost the same amount of energy as the direct signal. Also know that acoustics change with adding bodies. Don't spend hours EQing an empty room because it will all change when the audience arrives.

JL: Besides making the band sound good, what do you think the public isn't aware of when it comes to your job as a Front-of-House sound engineer that is essential to the overall experience?

BA: One thing that most people don't know is that the actual show is usually the smallest part of the day. Often, a load in, set up and soundcheck will take 4 - 12 hours depending on venue size and complexity of the show. On the show that we did together, I was responsible for unloading the truck, setting the gear on stage and at FOH, wiring everything together, testing and then operating FOH, monitors (both IEM & wedges), playback and recording. Then after the show, I would kick it in to high gear to get it all unwired, broken down, packed up and back on the truck as quickly and as safely as possible. Usually our show days lasted 16 hours even though the show was barely 90 minutes.

JL: When we were on tour together, you got to start using a tablet device to remotely control your mixing board from the stage. What other new technology or apps are out that you would suggest for sound engineers or like to see?

BA: Yes, remotely controlling a console from an iPad or other tablet device is great...unless you lose connectivity. Make sure that you use a solid hi-end WiFi router. I typically only use the mixing console's proprietary app. Shure makes an app that you can use to monitor your wireless microphones. Many PA processors also have apps that control them. I'm not aware of any other apps that I would need but I am constantly looking to see what else is new on the market.

JL: I've noticed there is a certain working order between the FOH engineer and the Monitor Engineer... (continued on pg 32)



what is something you would absolutely want your future Monitor Engineer person to know—and to adhere to—whether on stage, or off?

BA: ...the monitor engineer usually has to perform two roles. One is a mixing engineer and the other is psychologist. Having the technical skills to dial up a great mix without feedback is paramount. However, if the artist doesn't vibe with you, it will be an uphill challenge. My main directive to any monitor engineer is "make the artist happy"...and don't mix so loud that you are blowing out my FOH mix!

JL: Finally, can you tell us a little bit about your company, Band Production Services?

BA: Both of us [Keith and Brian] have a long history of working in

live sound, production management, tour management and other entertainment related fields. We wanted to create a boutique business to offer the level of service and attention that a hard working band deserves. We want them to know that from the moment they land at LAX (or other SoCal airport), we will handle all of the logistics from ground transportation to hotel arrangements, equipment cartage, rehearsals, rentals, recreation....whatever!

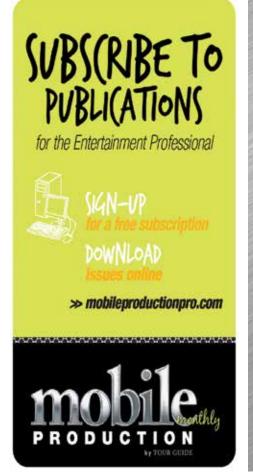
Our goal is to provide touring level professionals and services on a local basis [and] we also arrange for a rehearsal studio, rental backline, cartage and any supplemental sound needs. We've only been in business for 2 years but things are going very well. I'm so happy to have the opportunity to create a career from the work that I love.

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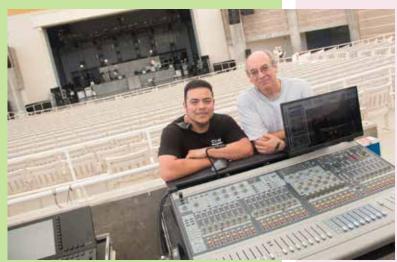














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(left to right) Lighting Crew via Toucan ProductionsBrad Meyers - Lighting Designer (Toucan Productions)Ryland lynch - Lighting DirectorTerry Birdsley - Rigger/Light Tech (Toucan Productions)Audio Crew Carlos Olivares - monitor engineer / audio techEddie Meade - drum tech / audio techFabrizio DelMonte - FOH engineer / Production Manager / Tour managerBackline CrewBrent Diamond - Guitar Tech / Bass tech / Protools techBubba Dixon - Guitar Tech / Key tech / Stage manager





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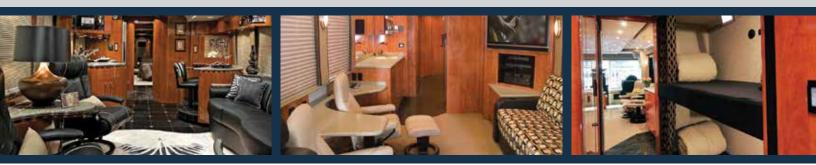
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