

DYNACORD® COBRA™ SYSTEM USED AT BBC MUSIC LIVE EVENT IN MANCHESTER, UK



Manchester, UK (May 2004): Dynacord's Cobra compact line-array system was in the limelight for nine hours on May Day, supporting a diverse line-up of classical and contemporary music acts performing in Manchester's Exchange Square as part of the BBC *Music Live 2004* event. Manchester-based ACE PA Ltd was asked to provide the PA system. Company owner Gary Jones was completely confident in the Cobra system's ability to handle all aspects of this unusual show, even though it was the first time that ACE, and fellow sound contractor AC Sound Hire of Cheshire, had flown the system.

"It was the first time since working with AC Sound Hire that we have flown the Cobra rig," admitted Gary. "Colin Gillies, owner of AC Sound Hire, has made custom flying frames, which are stamped and tested, and designed to perfection. The system went together incredibly quickly without any problems, and the hang for Manchester's Exchange Square was spot-on. The Array consisted of a sub at the top, then three tops and a further sub at the bottom; having the sub above and below the hang gave great warmth to the system."



The BBC *Music Live* event commenced with classical performances from 12 international cellists from the Royal Northern College of Music, the tuba quartet Tubalate, contemporary classical strings from Litmus and world-class tenor Jon Christoloudou. More contemporary acts followed, including pianist and singer Aiden Smith, DJ Mark Rae with vocalists Veba, and two bands, The Bays and Toolshed. To close, two local bands — Cullain and Toss the Feathers — took to the stage, creating an Irish party atmosphere in preparation for a live link up to the main BBC *Music Live* event in Belfast, televised via a big screen in the Square.

The Belfast event was broadcast around the world and featured Divine Comedy, Ronan Keating, Bob Geldof, Alanis Morissette, Hothouse Flowers and Katie Melua.

“The sound coverage for the event was excellent,” reported Gary Jones. “The organizers and FOH engineers were all very pleased. The Cobra System performed brilliantly throughout the whole nine hours of the event, and we received many compliments from the event organizers on the day. Most of them could not believe that we could get the power and clarity that they were hearing from such a small hang. ACE PA will certainly be using the Cobra again on forthcoming events.”

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