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LE GROUPE SPL PROVIDES EXEMPLARY SOUND FOR EVENTS SURROUNDING WORLD YOUTH DAY IN QUEBEC CITY, MONTREAL, AND TORONTO

Electro-Voice® X-Line™ Line-Array Loudspeakers, Klark Teknik Processing, Midas Consoles, and EV® Precision Series Power Amplifiers Provide Outstanding Performance

QUEBEC CITY, QUEBEC (October 2, 2002): The evening of Friday, July 19th, saw the commencement of celebration and worship that surrounds World Youth Day. With attendance numbers exceeding 200,000 in Quebec City, Montreal, and Toronto, the event was a resounding success. Pope John Paul II appeared in Toronto for the event, but the Pope's frail condition and Parkinson's disease prevented his appearance in all three cities. Nonetheless, attendees were very enthusiastic – nowhere more evident than at the Journée Mondiale de la Jeunesse held at Abraham Plain in Quebec City where Gregory Charles and his band, several different choirs, and dancers performed to a crowd of over 25,000 ecstatic youth.

Supplying the sound equipment and engineering expertise for the performance was Quebec's Le Groupe SPL, with a staff comprised of P.A. technician Benoit Cabot, FOH engineer Pierre Fogue, monitor engineer Patrice Gagnon, and monitor technician Frederic Cantin.

Le Groupe's system for Journée Mondiale de la Jeunesse comprised the following:

- (1) XL200 Midas Console
- (1) Midas Legend 3000 Console
- (2) Klark-Teknik DN9848 Loudspeaker Processors
- (1) Klark-Teknik DN3600 Programmable Graphic Equalizer
- (1) Klark-Teknik DN410 Dual Parametric Equalizer
- (1) Klark-Teknik DN360 Graphic Equalizer
- (8) Electro-Voice X-Line xvls High-output, Three-way Line-array System
- (4) Electro-Voice X-Line xvlt High-output, Three-way Line-array System
- (8) Electro-Voice X-Line xsub High-output, Line-array Subwoofer System
- (12) Electro-Voice X-Array Xi-1152 Two-way, Full-Range Loudspeaker
- (9) Electro-Voice Dx38 Digital Loudspeaker Controller
- (12) Electro-Voice Xw15 Monitors
- (28) Electro-Voice P3000 Precision Series Power Amplifiers
- (5) Electro-Voice P1200 Precision Series Power Amplifiers

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Given the dimensions of the outside venue – 400 feet long by 175 feet wide – Cabot and company chose the Electro-Voice X-Line line array to provide the best possible sound for such a high profile engagement. “With 400 feet to cover front-to-back and a relatively low height of 35 feet to suspend the arrays, we discovered that the X-Line can really throw to the back without killing the people in the front,” remarked P.A. technician Benoit Cabot. “In fact,” continued Cabot, “the producer of the entire event told everyone on our staff that the Electro-Voice X-Line system and our mixing job sounded ‘just like a home system’ – in other words, vocal intelligibility and musical clarity was very, very good, truly unlike a lot of systems out there today.”

Le Groupe also employed a delay tower 250 feet back from the stage comprised of six Electro-Voice Xi-1152 loudspeakers rigged on one line. As for side-fill and monitoring, Cabot again chose EV Xi-1152 boxes and EV Xw15s, respectively, of which he said the 10 singers in the main choir could not believe “how unbelievably good it sounded on stage”. “As usual,” Cabot remarked, “we had no problems with the EV P-Series amplifiers or Dx38 digital loudspeaker controllers. They all performed flawlessly.”

Besides using Midas consoles at both FOH and monitors positions, Le Groupe also turned to Klark Teknik for all equalization and loudspeaker processing duties.

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