





# GALAXY2 THE ULTIMATE

## IN THEATRE LIGHTING **MEMORY CONTROL**

Internationally acclaimed as the unrivalled leader in advanced memory lighting systems, Galaxy now has its most serious challenger yet -GALAXY 2!

Offering more facilities, more options and more versatility for subtle, creative effects, Galaxy 2 is now the ultimate choice for sophisticated lighting control. Galaxy 2 is the result of Rank Strand's unmatched experience and continuous development in lighting control systems incorporating the latest in microprocessor technology - taking care of the computing to let you concentrate on the lighting!

Two types of Galaxy 2 system are available - ARENA and PREMIER. Between them they span the full range of memory lighting control requirements from smaller theatres and multi-purpose leisure centres to the larger theatres, opera houses and concert halls of international status.



#### A GALAXY OF STAR **FEATURES**

#### Versatile modular design:

- The modular design of Galaxy 2 means that units from a wide range can be selected and amalgamated to produce an installation exactly suited to the user's needs. A Galaxy 2 Arena comprises a control pod, colour VDU, processor crate and back-up equipment. The control pod accommodates the channel control panel, two playback panels, and memory and output panel with the optional Group Masters and (or) preset masters and special effects panel.
- Galaxy 2 controls up to 768 channels in multiples of 48.
- There is a choice of independent backup systems: ten group pin patch, memory back-up using floppy discs and full back-up copy the with duplicate processor electronics. The complete range of auxiliary controls and options available to enhance the basic system includes printer, floppy disc library storage, riggers and infra red designers controls, alpha keyboard, stalls controls, touring systems, customised desk suites and special control panels.
- The Galaxy modular concept means that at any time a Galaxy 2 Arena (or original Galaxy) system can be upgraded to include the additional features of Premier.

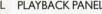
## Maximum control flexibility:

- A lighting state is created by using the channel control, the stalls control, or the designers or riggers controls, all working in parallel. The 'latest action takes precedence' principle ensures rapid overriding control of any channel whilst balancing levels, and the optional Group Masters expands the channel control with an extra six wheels to blend the interactive areas on stage. A group of lights can be collected together for simultaneous control from individual channels, prerecorded memories or any mixture of both, and level adjustment to 1% is performed by either the fader wheel or
- The colour monitor displays the current stage output, using various colours to discriminate between channels that are on and off and their levels.
- On completion of the lighting state, a memory number is chosen (any between 0.1 and 999.9) and the total composition recorded in the memory. If a floppy disc is

fitted and selected to 'Autodump' this too will lighting as each recording is made.



MEMORY AND OUTPUT PANEL PLAYBACK PANELS



The lighting can be set up and recorded in the correct sequence for each scene, or

Automatic fade times are recorded after

playbacks are included to support separate

sequences of lighting effects, and to make

full use of Galaxy's capability of running up

• The optional preset masters can be gang

rehearsing the changes, and any fade can

be performed manually if desired. Two

to 24 simultaneous automatic fades.

loaded with ten memories to provide

manual or special effects.

individual fader control of ten states for

recorded out of sequence and

completion.

renumbered or linked together on

CHANNEL CONTROL GROUP MASTERS

PRESET MASTERS

fail, the performance can continue unaffected, as originally recorded, using the library disc copy of the lighting.

**EFFECTS** 

that should any part of the main system

Alternatively, the channels used in any scene The memory back-up system ensures can be segregated into manually controlled parts of a fade when recorded, for reallocation to the six Group Masters during the performance. And at all times Galaxy's advanced programme ensures that the operator always has the ability to change, halt, speed up or slow down the effects on

• Inevitable lamp failures or last minute set changes are fully accommodated by Galaxy's sophisticated Automod replacement and Memory Track







#### **CRATES**

Main electronics crates are 19 inch rack mounted units, for installation in control room or dimmer room with connection to pod by fourcore cable up to 1000 metres long. Racks also accommodate back-up systems and other special equipment.



### PIN PATCH BACK UP

A separate back-up system using a pin matrix which patches groups of dimmers to one of ten back-up master faders.



## MEMORY BACK UP

An independent memory system with a free-standing or a shelf-mounted control panel, floppy disc unit and electronics crate which will reproduce recorded lighting, or can be used to originate lighting, if the main system is unavailable. A VDU is switched to back-up to display the output and fade progress of the system when in use.



fixed location.

### RIGGER'S CONTROL

A robust hand-held unit for the focusing control of individual channels.

#### DESIGNER'S CONTROL

An infra-red or wire link hand-held control unit to balance groups of lights, make adjustments, record and rehearse changes from stage floor or auditorium. Provides virtually all the facilities of the host Galaxy system but without the constraint of a

#### ALPHANUMERIC KEYBOARD

Standard for Premier systems, and an option on Arena. May be used to control the printer and floppy disc unit, set up dimmer and channel patching, modify dimmer curves, allocate non-dim channels and include messages with each memory. On Premier systems it is used for editing detailed memory information. Can be supplied for mounting beneath the desk shelf.

#### FLOPPY DISC UNIT

Single or dual drive floppy disc units copy the contents of the memory to produce a repertoire library of the lighting The facility exists to create a disc copy automatically as the lighting states are recorded by the Galaxy, and the alpha keyboard extends the disc operation by offering renumbering and editing options, and also the facility to copy discs on the dual drive disc units.



## GEOGRAPHIC BUTTON MIMIC

(Premier systems only) An illuminated push button for each channel on a customised panel matching the layout of the theatre or concert hall. Provides rapid access to single channels or groups with adjustment using the channel control. Electronics crate connects to the main Galaxy 2 crate.



### PREMIER UPGRADE KIT

All Galaxy and Galaxy 2 Arena systems can be extended to include the additional features of Premier.

#### The Company reserves the right to make any variation in design or construction to the equipment

## SPECIAL CONTROLS

Custom-designed control panels and desk suites can be supplied to special order.

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