# The Vista.



## Imagine ...

## Imagine if you could design your lightshow the way you see it—visually.

Imagine if you didn't have to convert your mental picture into a complex series of numbers, then spend ages punching them in. Imagine if you could create lighting effects the way you'd create a painting—with broad brush strokes.

Well finally someone has built a console with you, the lighting designer and operator, in mind. A console that releases your creativity by removing all the hassle and tedious hack work of programming, a console that is fast and easy to use.

That console is the Jands Vista, and it will completely change the way you create your lightshows. Once you've tried it, we reckon you'll never want to go back to the old number-crunching grind.

#### So what makes the Vista so different?

The Vista is fundamentally different from existing consoles in three major ways:

- > a totally new approach to the user interface that makes the Vista incredibly easy to use
- > the introduction of a 'timeline' that gives you the complete picture and total control of your lighting events
- > a generic fixture model that takes all the hassle out of changing fixtures.

#### A user interface that makes sense

We've thrown away the old methods of touch screens, tables of numbers and deeply-embedded menus, and replaced them with a window-based screen that is immediately familiar to anyone who's ever used a modern computer application.





#### Draw your show with the best drawing tool ever invented—the pen

Instead of a touch screen, the Vista uses a pen. This works in much the same way as a mouse, except that you use it to draw on the screen just as you'd draw on a page. The combination of the pen with our simple, easy to use visual interface makes the Vista the first console that lets you build your lighting designs visually.

#### All the variables in the one place

The Vista puts everything you need on the one screen. No more flicking through menus just to change a colour or a gobo—with the Vista you just point your pen at the colour palette and drag it around to choose the hue you want. If you need more precision you can choose from a huge list of manufacturers' gels, or set the exact CMY values you want—all of this on one screen and in just a few seconds.

#### Plan your action over a moving timeline

Computer-based audio and video editing tools have made the idea of a 'timeline' instantly familiar: displaying a piece of music or video as a 'clip' moving across the screen over time. The Vista applies this concept to lighting, and the result is an entirely new approach to design and performance.

#### See what's really going on for the first time

With the Vista you can actually see everything that's happening in your design in relation to time: when lights come on, when they go off, when they change colour,



when they move. Whatever the sequence of events, you can see it all laid out in front of you, and what's more, you can change any of it simply by picking up the pen, selecting an event and moving it around.

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#### Create complex effects in a fraction of the time

Let's say you want to create a colour peel-down: instead of translating this fundamentally visual concept into a sequence of 25 keystrokes then punching them into the keypad, with the Vista you just grab the pen and skew the colour information on the timeline. With a few broad strokes you can create the entire effect, without having to turn your brain into a computer to do it.

#### Find and fix problems quickly and easily

No more playing and re-playing entire sequences to find one small problem. With the Vista you simply find the exact spot you want on the timeline, then jump in and make your changes, quickly and easily, without punching a single button.

#### Adapt to fixture changes automatically

One of the most common hassles of a conventional lighting console is having to adapt to changes in fixtures. On most other consoles if you change a fixture type you have to re-program the whole instruction set to match the replacement light, a job that can take hours.

Not on the Vista though: this console records the actual colours, beams and other key details, so when you change a light, the console compares the abilities of the lights and works out how to adapt—even if the new light doesn't have the same feature set. Your show doesn't change, and you don't have to lift a finger.

#### What about live performance though?

Ask a lighting operator what they want for a live performance, and you're bound to hear "more faders and user-definable buttons." We've taken this wisdom on board and created the ultimate live performance desk.

With the Vista you can split the fader banks to double your playbacks or combine them to give you dedicated control of timing, chase speed and more. You can even use the encoder wheels to set timing and chase speed, and to move through the timelines of your clips. No more switching from page to page or running out of faders with this console.



### The Vista—a completely new vision of lighting.

The Vista is a radical new approach to lighting design, but it's an approach that's long overdue, an approach that will make your job much easier and more intuitive. By combining the best features of modern user interfaces with tried and tested lighting controls, we've produced a console that works for you, rather than the other way around. The Vista is easy to use and quick to master.

Be warned though: once you try it, you'll wonder how you ever put up with the endless hassle of your old console.

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