

NEW OFF-LINE EDITOR



Strand Lighting has entered into an agreement with the New York based Lucida Corporation to offer a copy of Lucida's latest product, LightPort with every Lightpalette® and mini Lightpalette® 90 ordered after the LDI-92 exhibition in mid November.

LightPort translates LP90 files to text files which can be opened by any word processor for viewing, editing and printing. The software is available for all Macintosh and IBM-compatible PC's using 3.5" high-density floppy disks.

LightPort uses the USITT's new protocol "ASCII Text Representation for Lighting Console Data Version 3.0" to translate LP90 files to ASCII Text format files, and vice versa. With a cue file open in your word processor you can edit or create new cues simply by entering data using the easy-to-understand text format.

You'll begin the process by opening LightPort and selecting "LP90 to Text" from the appropriate Menu. You then select the LP90 file you want translated, and LightPort goes to work,

displaying a progress report as it proceeds. In a few minutes, you have a LightPort text file waiting to be opened by your favorite word processor.

If your word processor has "search" or "sort" features, you might use it to gather data, such as all cues containing Effects, or other attributes. You might want to print only certain cues, or to use a text comparison program to compare cues to others. But you will no doubt primarily be interested in editing your existing cues... do your homework. You can edit any element you wish to, using the appropriate rules.

After editing your show, just select the command "Text to LP90" from the appropriate menu, and the translation begins. If you have entered anything in an illegal syntax, LightPort will inform you of your error in its error log, and direct you to make necessary corrections. When your work is error free (no, it won't evaluate your artistry!), the translation will be completed, and you may transfer your disk directly from your PC to your LP90 for readback.

The software is not key-protected, but the user license specifies that a user may not use his or her copy on more than one machine at a time. The User name is embedded on disk and is displayed on-screen and on all printouts.

LightPort is also available as two versions, a read-only version, and a read/write version. Both are available from Lucida Corp., 245 West 52 Street, New York City, NY 10019 USA. Lucida also offers LightPort users additional copies of the read/write version which includes an upgrade offer for Express-Track™.



The Express-Track™ is Lucida's "top of the line" editor which produces on-screen displays very similar to those of the Lightpalette, allowing users to edit using Lightpalette syntax. This software tracks cue levels automatically, emulating the Lightpalette, and can sort data in a variety of formats for analysis, revision and storage. It is available only for Macintosh computers. ✪

THE EUROPEAN LIGHT SHOW 93

The European Lightshow 93 marks a major step forward in the evolution of this established trade show into what promises to be the largest lighting exhibition in Britain during 1993.

Organised by The Lighting Association, with the full support of the Lighting Industry Federation, it is the industry's own show attracting most of the major companies in lighting and is also backed by CELMA - the Committee of European Lighting Manufacturers Associations.

The European Light Show is being held at Earl's Court 2, London.

flexible lighting control system - has proved its value in museums, theme parks, hotels, cathedrals, ocean liners, conference centres and prestige buildings. Also on display will be a range of lighting equipment from Strand.

LIGHTING SEMINARS

Seminars will be an added attraction and these are billed to include a special preview of the new CIBSE (Chartered Institute of Building Service Engineers) Code for Interior Lighting which is expected to recommend a switch away from the old concepts of calculation dominated designs and instead promote quality, efficiency

and aesthetic consideration, with a strong emphasis on the value of lighting controls and dimming.

LIGHTS! - SPECIAL TICKET OFFER

For *Lights!* readers we are able to offer complimentary tickets which will gain admittance to the European Light Show 93. Your personal invitation is included with this issue on the insert card.

Further information on bookings for seminars can be obtained from The Lighting Association, Bryn, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire, England. SY9 5LE. Telephone 0588 640658, Fax 0588 640669. ✪

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The fourth international Showlight conference and trade show again returns to the UK in 1993 after its beginnings at the Barbican in London in 1981, followed by New York and Amsterdam.

Specialising in lighting for the performing arts, Showlight '93 is based around the twin venues of the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television and the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford, and runs from the 19th to the 21st April 1993.

For further information please contact Ruth Rossington, Professional Lighting and Sound Association, 7 Highlight House, St Leonards Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3UH. Tel: 0323 642639 Fax: 0323 646905 ✪

SEE STRAND LIGHTING'S PREMIERE® AT EUROPEAN LIGHTSHOW 93

The European Light Show will provide an excellent opportunity to see demonstrations of Strand Lighting's Premiere® Architectural Lighting Control System. Premiere - now recognised throughout the world as the most advanced and