

Established as Strand's prestige memory lighting console, throughout most of the world, Galaxy Nova™ continues to be specified for the largest venues, so let's take a look at recent progress.

Galaxy Nova™ was conceived as a modular memory system; a system which could not only be tailored to a particular application, but customised to suit the special needs of the installation. Over the years, Galaxys have been supplied in a variety of configurations, in custom finishes, with special modules, and in custom-designed furniture. They are certainly not inexpensive, only perfectly tailored; the Rolls Royce of memory consoles. There have been Galaxy consoles with huge geographic button mimics showing the plan of each lighting socket in the installation, Galaxys with rare walnut veneer to match the theatre decor, Galaxys controlling hundreds of automated lights, Galaxys for TV, Galaxys with refrigerators for the interval refreshments!

Galaxy is considered by operators all over the world as a craftsman's toolbox. In contrast to many consoles where there is a pre-defined series of actions to complete a task, Galaxy has a wealth of more general functions, which when used in different combinations, produce a range of results. As the system is



Strand's Galaxy Nova.



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scale theatres, concert halls and TV studios. Galaxy controls up to 999 channels, patched to a maximum of 1536 DMX dimmers, with simultaneous D54 and DMX 512 dimmer output protocols. Direct control of colour scrollers and up to 249 automated PALS spotlights with control of pan, tilt and focus is available. The control surface of the Galaxy Nova desk is constructed in modules to allow customisation for a wide range of applications. There are optionally 10 or 20 submasters, and fully programmable special effects. Colour change and automation is fully integrated into the system. Dual floppy disk tracking backup is standard, and full dual electronics with split mode for 100% back up security is an option. Other options include comprehensive designer and remote control.

One of the most important features of the Galaxy is its multi-tasking capabilities. The Galaxy Nova allows two desks to be operated simultaneously (main control desk and remote control desk), and the desks can be equipped identically

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modular, almost every Galaxy is unique, and so it is almost impossible to dictate one method of working. An analogy to describe this idea is to contrast a Juke Box and a synthesiser; both are used to play music. With a Juke Box a specific button is pressed to select a chosen track, and the record or CD is automatically played. With the synthesiser, the musician uses the keys, voices, and backings to create the music.

For the specification-minded, Galaxy is a comprehensive lighting control with custom options and integrated PALS automated lighting control. Its modular panel construction offers many combinations of custom-selectable desk layouts for opera houses, large-

Control room with Galaxy Nova.



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