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JBL CONTROL CONTRACTOR SERIES SPEAKERS SURVIVE FLOOD

PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC – June 1, 2003 – Krizik’s Fountain at the exhibition grounds in Prague, Czech Republic did not escape the ravages of the disastrous flooding that rampaged through much of Europe last year. A brand new JBL Control® Contractor™ system was installed to replace the existing aged sound reinforcement system at the exhibition grounds during the summer of 2002. The installation in itself was unique in that the loudspeakers needed to be positioned in discrete locations in the stonework around the fountain. Furthermore, the system was designed in a 5.1 configuration. JBL Control 28s and Control 29AVs provided the full-range reinforcement and Control SB210 were used as subs. Control 29AVs were also used as surround reinforcement, located under the roof of the gallery, also enhanced with SB210s.

In a matter of days following the completion of the installation and the grand opening shows, the great floods hit Prague. The Control 29AVs were retrieved just in time as the water rose, however the Control 28s and SB210s could not be reached in time and remained in their locations as the flooding grew worse. The Control 28s and SB210s spent a total of 14 days under 11 ½ feet of muddy floodwater.



Krizik’s Fountain exhibition grounds in Prague shown before and during the 2002 flood.

When the water eventually receded the Control 28s and SB210s were retrieved. The mud was washed off and the damp acoustic batting was replaced. All the flooded systems were tested and passed with flying colors. It was only necessary to replaced two LF drivers in the whole installation. The systems were recently re-installed and the system is fully functional.

“It seems that JBL Control Contractor Series speakers are not only resistant against humidity and rain, but they can be submerged in water for a long period of time and remarkably suffer no loss of audio quality and reliability,” commented Jiri Strupl of Inton, JBL’s distributor in the Czech Republic. “It’s a testament to JBL.”

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