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MSI RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR AT TIMES SQUARE WITH HELP FROM JBL VERTEC® LINE ARRAYS

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, January 30, 2006 — Demonstrating to the world the high power and flexibility of the JBL VERTEC® Series line arrays, leading audio provider MSI (Maryland Sound International) supplied a top-quality sound system for the festivities on New Year’s Eve at Times Square. With live performances by Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige, Nick Cannon and Puddle of Mudd, among others, Times Square drew nearly one million spectators for the event. Beginning officially at 6 p.m., the night concluded with the famous New Year’s Eve Ball marking the beginning of 2006 at midnight.

The only company ever asked to provide audio in Times Square for New Year’s Eve, MSI once again turned to JBL for its line array solutions. Dispersed across numerous intersections in the Times Square area were JBL VERTEC clusters, comprising VT4889 full-size models, complemented by VT4880 and VT4882 subwoofers. All clusters were arrayed using MSI’s proprietary pole-mount system, allowing for a large number of loudspeakers to be hung without interfering visually with the event. “The placement of the line arrays is very discreet, and they blend in nicely with the overall environment while providing a crucial element to the festivities,” said Bob Goldstein, president of MSI.

With MSI handling front of house duties for three of the four stages, even, balanced sound coverage over large distances was a top priority. “We not only needed a powerful loudspeaker system, but one that was lightweight and easy to assemble,” said Ryan Beck, front-of-house engineer for MSI. “The VERTEC products have all these qualities, and with their predictable sound, we know exactly what to expect even before we’re up and running.”

Founded in 1966, MSI has built a reputation as one of the world’s leading special-event audio/video rental contractors, having provided systems for the Los Angeles and Seoul Olympics, various presidential inaugurations, and the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. “JBL is pleased to



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have MSI using VERTEC in one of the biggest sound reinforcement events of the year,” said David Scheirman, Vice President of Tour Sound, JBL Professional. “A company like MSI does not become a long-time industry leader by cutting corners with technology, and this is evident in both their choice in loudspeaker systems and the quality of their deployment.”

For more information on MSI, please visit www.marylandsound.com or call 410-448-1400.

About JBL Professional:

Headquartered in Northridge, California, JBL Professional is the world’s leading designer, manufacturer, and marketer of professional loudspeakers for recording and broadcast, musician, cinema, touring sound, commercial sound and contracting applications. JBL Professional is the proud recipient of the 2005 Technical GRAMMY® award. JBL Professional is part of the Harman International network of professional and consumer audio companies. For complete product and company information, go to the JBL Professional website at www.jblpro.com.



The sound system for New Year’s Eve at Times Square centered around JBL VERTEC line array clusters.

About The Harman Pro Group:

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