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JBL PROFESSIONAL ADVANCES LINE ARRAY OFFERING: ADDS NEW VRX918S SUBWOOFER TO CATEGORY-LEADING VRX SERIES PERFORMANCE LINE ARRAY

Incorporating principles from JBL's VERTEC® line array series, the VRX918S brings portable bottom end to small and mid-size venues.

FRANKFURT, GERMANY, April 6, 2005 —In a move that provides significantly enhanced performance and flexibility to musicians, DJs, engineers and rental companies, JBL Professional today introduced the VRX918S subwoofer at Musikmesse. The VRX918S is an 18-inch, 37 kg (81 lb) low-frequency speaker system, intended for use as a high-performance satellite subwoofer or as a building block for larger arrays. The introduction of the VRX918S comes on the heels of the VRX932LA, which brings the unmatched quality of JBL's VERTEC® line array series to small and medium-sized entertainment venues requiring shorter throw distances.

Acoustically identical to the SRX718S, the VRX918S is designed to meet the needs of users who wish to incorporate subwoofers into a flying VRX array. This is accomplished through suspension hardware modeled on the innovative design used for the VRX Series VRX932LA. The entire array can then be flown using JBL's VRX932LA-AF Array Frame.

The VRX918S is compact in size (20.0" x 23.5" x 29.5"), yet provides a power rating of 800 W / 1600 W / 3200 W (Continuous/Program/Peak). The 13-ply birch enclosure is rigidly braced for solid response. Threaded insert points are provided for attachment of the optional WK-4 wheel kit.

Additionally, the VRX918S incorporates JBL's patented lightweight and high-power Differential Drive™ woofers, making the subwoofer extremely manageable. For added flexibility, the subwoofer retains the heavy-duty M20 pole mount receptacle for ground-stacked applications.

“The addition of the VRX918S subwoofer brings added flexibility to an already versatile, high-performing product line,” said Gerry Tschetter, JBL's Director of Portable PA Marketing. “We are now



bringing the versatility and performance of JBL's VERTEC and portable PA lines to 'new lows.'"

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 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.

About The Harman Pro Group:

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