

Funktion One ripens Vine Church audio

HONG KONG: A Funktion One sound system has been installed at the new facilities of The Vine Church in Wanchai, the commercial district of Hong Kong.

The Vine Church is an independent international church, without direct denominational affiliation, but draws leadership inspiration from many sources around the world and has established strong links with other pastors and local English speaking churches in Hong Kong.

The new five-storey church facility, previously a cinema with a long history in Wanchai District, has a total area of 2,300 sq-m. The second floor is 350 sq-m and seats 330 while the fourth floor is a balcony of 260 sq-m that seats 300. Combined, these two floors form a medium sized theatre for worship services and other events.

Music is an integral part of the worship experience at The Vine Church and various styles from classical to rock are performed by bands, vocalists, choirs, theatrical troupes and dancers. With such a variety of



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performance styles, it was important to The Vine that the sound system would be capable of meeting every need.

Michele Wood, the sound engineer of The Vine Church, described how the church decided to use Funktion One. 'In 2010, when I began planning for

the sound system required in the new auditorium, I decided that the sound of the speakers should be transparent, natural and warm so it would fit the style of the church,' she said. 'As the theatre hall has high ceilings, I decided that line array speakers would be best and after some market

research narrowed my choice to two famous European brands.'

Miss Wood's decision changed when she attended the London Plasa show in September 2010 and, having visited the booth of Funktion One, got her first real understanding of the brand. Miss Wood was impressed by the design and appearance of the products and later, after attending a seminar presented by Tony Andrews, the owner and product designer of Funktion One, and hearing a demonstration, she discovered that this was the quality she had been looking for. 'The sound of the Funktion One speakers is really natural and warm,' Miss Wood continued. 'This is the sound we need for our church.'

Just before the construction of the new church was completed last July, the Funktion One sound system was successfully installed with the aim of ensuring that sound levels effectively cover every corner of the theatre including the balcony.

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