

Doughty gets top marks from Queen's University, Belfast



Doughty Engineering installs range of products in the School of Creative Arts–

The School of Creative Arts at Queen's University in Belfast boasts some of the most desirable undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the country. With demand for spaces on the practical film making course drastically outstripping supply, the University recently built a new centre for students on the film studies pathway, complete with a purpose built 'black box' to give students the opportunity to film in a multi-purpose, professionally equipped studio.

"The facilities used by the School of Creative Arts are regarded as among the best in the British Isles while certain facilities within the School (such as the Sonic Laboratory) are unique in the world!", explained Ross McDade, production manager of the Brian Friel Theatre within the School.

With this in mind, Ross called on the expertise of Doughty Engineering to supply a system of 15 lighting hoists for a state of the art TV studio, that lived up to the high expectations of those applying for a place on one of the degree programmes.

"We brought Doughty Engineering on board in the early stages of the project as we felt their products fulfilled the brief from an operational point of view as well as being cost effective. Based on an existing product design, we asked Doughty to provide us with 15 raising and lowering hoists with multiple 16amp power outputs, DMX control and that would be safe for students to use on a daily basis."



He continued: "After a few conversations we nailed down a design with Dan Phillips, project sales co-ordinator at Doughty. The Doughty team were then able to create a special product and specific product code for our project which was essential when it came to putting the contract to tender as we were able to be precise about what we were after."

Dan added: "It's always exciting to be part of a project which paves the way for film makers of the future to make their first tentative steps in the industry, using the highest quality equipment and facilities. We're delighted that

feedback from the students is already very positive.”

Ross concluded: “We are extremely pleased with the products that Doughty has supplied and how they work within the student environment. We would recommend Doughty for the excellent standard of service, professionalism and quality of products they produce.”

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