

# Hirezone at the Royalty Soapie Awards

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The fabulous Royalty Soapie Awards, an acknowledgement of all the characters many South Africans welcome into their living rooms every evening, was hosted on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at the Durban ICC and broadcast on M-Net's Mzansi Magic.

For the very first time Hirezone supplied the full technical which included Robe lighting with control on an Avolites Tiger Touch, sound and AV, this being one of the their largest and most prestigious productions to date.

The Royalty Soapie Awards is the annual celebration for the soapie industry in South Africa including everyone from celebrities and entertainers to the writers and technicians involved. Richard Gild, owner of Hirezone says he used detailed planning to ensure a successful set up. "As we proceeded, it all came together," he says. "We had more space and the right people. It was great working with the client." A delighted client after the event was the cherry on the top.

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Adrian du Preez from Hirezone was responsible for the lighting design, working on an Avolites Tiger Touch with a Titan Mobile for back up and two Avolites Power Cubes. He had free reign and the entire design was his own concept. "Adrian enjoys the bigger projects and shows," said Richard. "It's more challenging."

Rigging was more complex in the venue and included the addition of 36 points. The show made use of various lighting fixtures including 10 Robe Robin 600E Spot, 6 Robin 600E Beam, 12 Robin100 LEDBEam, 16 Martin Mac 401, 12 Martin Rush MH 3 Beam, 8 Philips Selecon Arena PC Fresnels, 6 Philips Selecon SPX 25 -50 Zoomspot Profiles, 10 Longman Parcans and two Le Maitre MVS Hazers.

With a massive following, the artists were welcomed by their fans at a red carpet affair before proceeding into the venue. It was one of those feel good shows, a real crowd pleaser and a night to remember.

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