

MGG Invests in Robe BMFLs



Photo caption L-R : Marcell Wahl, Head of Lighting, owner / founder Mark Gaylard and Tshepo Masekela

Johannesburg based MGG, one of the fastest growing South African technical production and solutions companies – has invested in more Robe equipment with the purchase of 12 x BMFL Blades – the first in the country – 12 x CycFX 8s and 12 x DL4S Profiles.

The deal was finalised after the Prolight+Sound 2015 expo in Frankfurt and delivered by Robe's SA distributor, DWR. MGG's owner Mark Gaylard also added 12 x LEDBeam 100s and 12 x LEDWash 600s to the order ... taking their general stock of each of those fixtures to 60 pieces.

"We were eagerly waiting for the BMFL Blade," explains Mark. Ahead of the fixture's official launch in Frankfurt this year, MGG solicited the opinions of the top five SA lighting designers, all of whom agreed that framing shutters were a key feature, and one that would help determine their lighting specifications.

Framing shutters were also high on the list when purchasing the elegant new Robe DL4S LED profiles which will be perfect for MGG's diverse portfolio of corporate work. "It's fantastic to have a really high quality LED engine and the shuttering in one fixture," says Mark, adding that these will be perfect for fashion runways and other applications demanding optimum light quality that needs to be tightly contained.

"Both the BMFL Blade and the DL4S are essential to our inventory," comments Mark. "The fast blade system is a complex and intricate module to add to a light and Robe have done it with great finesse".

In addition to the shutters, other factors impressing MGG on the BMFLs include the incredible brightness and sharp optics. The first 24 BMFL Spots in South Africa were bought by another rental operation, MJ Event Gear, so Mark is also looking forward to working together in supplying various LDs with BMFLs ... and keeping the kit moving.

With the light weight and multiple features, Mark believes that BMFL will be a *de facto* choice for LDs working in all areas of the industry.

The new kit has arrived at MGG just in time for their busy season to kick-in as summer approaches.

The BMFL Blades are already fully booked for the whole of November. They will be on the 2015 Afrikaans is Groot event staged at the Moreletapark Auditorium in Pretoria, with lighting designed by Josh Cutts.

MGG's crew are also all very excited about the CycFX 8s. Mark and his team were keen to get these fixtures in stock as currently there is no other LED batten quite like it – with its focus and zoom facilities – and a bright, well proven output. It will be great for up-lighting sets and stages and for various TV productions.

MGG works across all entertainment and commercial sectors as a full technical provider, offering all the planning, services and design in addition to renting the kit, which traverses the disciplines of lighting, audio, video, rigging, structures and power.

“We get a fantastic ROI on all our Robe kit,” concludes Mark, referring to some of the older kit they own like ColorSpot and ColorWash 700E ATs, which are still going strong and have circumnavigated the world several times on various projects since they were purchased six years ago!