

## Training and Feedback from MA

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(Left) MA International

is located within this building; (Right) Snowy conditions prevailed while Nick visited MA. There was an air of excitement as DWR Distribution's Nick Britz arrived at MA Lighting for training at the end of February. He knew that he would get further insight to the grandMA2 and be able to work closer with the MA team.

"As usual the guys at MA were so friendly and they didn't make me feel like a burden," commented Nick. "I originally thought a taxi would pick me up at the airport, but it was René Berhorst, Technical Sales and Project Coordinator, who fetched me."

The week in Germany was phenomenal. "I was lucky enough to catch Marcus Krömer, one of MA's top freelance lighting programmers who trained me on the first day." Marcus had been working on Mamma Mia and was in between shows, when he took the time to spend with Nick and provided training, equivalent to a Level 3 and up, on the grandMA as well as 3D training.

Video training on both the grandMA and grandMA2 consoles was presented by Gitte Piontkowski in Technical Sales. A hardware course on the grandMA2 console was given by Oliver Ronshausen, a top programmer at MA and also part of the Technical Sales team. "The new console is very well thought out on technical hardware, and we covered training, service and support of the consoles." A specialised networking course was given by Oliver Ditter and René, and grandMA software training was by Oliver Rump.



Nick, prior to his visit to MA Lighting, had seen the grandMA2 console at its pre-launch in Frankfurt last year. “Some things of the desk have changed since then but are now are even better. The idea is the same as the grandMA but the new desk is more powerful, has a lot more functions and is really so much more.”

A heartfelt word of thanks extends to everyone at MA Lighting, including René, Elke Kemper and Mario Wachsmann who ensured Nick was provided with wonderful hospitality. On his last day, Nick was collected from Rene at the hotel given an opportunity to experience German tradition with a colourful and most enjoyable street carnival.

South African grandMA users are invited to DWR Distribution where Nick will present Level 1 & 2 Training. The three day course is free of charge and will include an introduction to grandMA2, training notes and a light lunch.

For users who have a grandMA console the course will take place on the 4, 5 and 6 May. For those who don't have a desk but are interested in participating, please join us on 11, 12 and 13 May. To RSVP please e-mail [sales@dwrdistribution.co.za](mailto:sales@dwrdistribution.co.za).