

## Ultra Events invests in DiGiCo



Sound engineer, Revil Baselga readies Ultra Events' new DiGiCo SD12 ahead of a-ha concert in Cape Town

Ultra Events Technical Solutions, a leading technical solutions provider in Cape Town, has recently taken delivery of a DiGiCo SD12 Digital Mixing Console, opening new opportunities for large-scale events in Cape Town.

According to Costa Champanis, director at Ultra Events, up until this point, there were limited large format DiGiCo consoles available for dry hire in the region, which was having a negative impact on technical services provider's ability to meet the demands of international riders.

"Over the past few years, there has been a shift in rider requirements, showing a definite preference for DiGiCo's larger consoles by the majority of touring artists," explains Costa. "In October last year, we were contracted to provide technical services for the Norwegian pop band *a-ha*, who had booked touring dates in both Cape Town and Johannesburg through Breakout Events and Rogue Entertainment in mid-February. We were able to meet the requirements of about 70% of the rider, but once again found ourselves lacking when it came to audio consoles."



DWR's Bradley Bruchhausen delivers a new DiGiCo SD12 to Ultra Events at the Green Point A Track, Cape Town

Costa and his team decided that the time was right to add DiGiCo's SD12 to their inventory, not only to fulfil the technical requirements for the staging of *a-ha's* current world tour in Cape Town but also to strengthen their position as a technical service provider for international touring artists in the future. "Ultra Events is recognised as a leading technical service provider in the region, and we enjoy servicing the larger international artists as it not only provides the opportunity for South African audiences to enjoy their favourite acts live on stage but also exposes our crew to the international technical talent and standards," says Costa. "We are pleased to report that on the 21 February *a-ha's* *Hunting High and Low* tour, held at the Green Point A Track, went off without a hitch, and the SD12 performed beautifully."

"DiGiCo's SD12 is an ideal addition to Ultra Event's rental inventory as the desk is compact enough to serve for indoor and outdoor corporate events, houses of worship and broadcast applications, but powerful enough to manage large-scale tours, such as *a-ha's* recent concert at the Green Point A Track," says Kyle Robson, DiGiCo product representative at DWR Distribution. "The SD12 incorporates the latest generation Super FPGA technology and Core 2 software to deliver unrivalled power and connectivity in a compact frame. Not only is the SD12 a true sonic powerhouse, but it also is the first in the SD-Range to feature an integrated recording interface and offers incredible versatility and ease of use," Kyle concludes.

"We are very excited to be able to offer clients in Cape Town the opportunity to hire the SD12 for their events moving forward and look forward to providing international touring artists with the gear that they need to stage world-class productions in Cape Town both in the short term and for years to come," concludes Costa.

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