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Within 48 hours tickets for An Evening with Ed Kowalczyk - Throwing Copper Unplugged 20th Anniversary were sold out at Johannesburg's Carnival City and the Grand Arena at Grand West, Cape Town. AMP Events and Polo Jeans Co presented the four shows, two in each city.

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Ed Kowalczyk needs no introduction especially to South Africa, and the legendary songwriter and former lead singer of the rock band Live, gave a brilliant acoustic performance, pleasing the crowd with favourites like Lighting Crashes. He was joined on stage by guitarist Zak Loy.



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“The aim was to make this production more personal and special for the fans,” said Lighting Designer Sean Caie who is also Head of Lighting at the Grand Arena. He programmed on a grandMA2 Light.

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There was no specification for the lighting design and Sean made use of the in-house gear in each venue which largely consisted of a Robe lighting rig, to create a warm look on stage.

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“No additional gear was needed for the shows as there was great equipment in both venues,” he said. “With tight deadlines and turn arounds, I had to programme a large portion of the show off-line. All the fixtures were great and I enjoyed using them. I worked with a fantastic team and the event as a whole was pretty stress free.”

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Johannesburg Lighting List

6 Robe Pointe

8 Robe MMX Spot

4 Robe Robin 600 LEDWash

8 Robe Robin 300 LEDWash

8 Robe Robin 100 LEDBeam

30 Robe Robin Perfect 100

12 Martin MAC 575

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Cape Town Lighting List

- 12 Robe ColorSpot 700EAT
- 12 Robe ColorWash 700EAT
- 12 Robe Robin 100 LEDBeam
- 6 Robe Robin 600 LEDWash
- 4 Robe Pointes
- 30 Longman F4UP Par 64

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