

River Bank Arts Centre gets the Ard Soilse Treatment

LoadGuard



The River Bank Theatre at Newbridge, Co. Kildare in Ireland opened its doors June 8 for the first time following a major revamp of its technical systems. Ard Soilse Productions director Joe Betts visited the venue in April to view the old installation and make suggestions to upgrade their lighting and rigging systems, while keeping cost in control.

The existing truss grid was dropped off its static suspensions, and floated using four 250kg LTM Loadguard chain hoists, specified for their low noise, neat appearance, and standard black chain. These were flown hoist up, and attached to the house grid via two Litestructures 290 box truss spans clamped over the grid to give it support and strength on all the cross trusses.

The venue had been plagued by dimming trouble over the years, so Ard Soilse supplied four 24 channel Zero88 Chilli pro dimming racks, which were wall mounted in the stage left dimmer room, along with a Jands DMX buffer. These solid and reliable dimmers are fast becoming an industry standard. A number of ETC Source Four profiles were also supplied to complement the existing house stock.

Ard Soilse also made a full set of new stage drapes, including borders, Legs, travelling drapes and a white cotton filled Cyclorama.

Venue technical manager Damien Dollard was delighted with the result, and is already discussing further work to install a full professional cinema system for the venues popular film programme.

Ard Soilse Productions are based in Ennis, Co. Clare and provide lighting, rigging and staging and associated services to the entertainment industry from their 6000sqft headquarters.

