

Winnipeg's MTS Centre Selects Shure's State-of-the-Art UHF-R Series for a Wireless System Upgrade

With all the excitement in Winnipeg these days and the rest of Canada over Winnipeg's renewed NHL franchise, what better time to "renew" the sound system at the MTS Centre?

At a cost of \$133.5 million, the 440,000 square-foot MTS Centre opened its doors in November 2004. This beautiful new facility can seat 15,015 spectators for hockey and 16,345 for concerts. While currently the home to the AHL's Manitoba Moose and a venue of choice for such important events as the Juno Awards, The Canadian Country Music Awards, The AHL All Star Classic, The BDO Classic Canadian Open of Curling and countless concerts, the MTS Centre is well known for its excellent acoustics.

When the time came to upgrade the sound system, MTS Centre officials called on the expertise of leading touring and installation specialists Sound Art Canada. John Loewen and the crew at Sound Art have been closely working with Manager of Pro Audio & Video Services, Brian Johnson, from MTS Centre to replace their aging 700 MHz wireless gear. Brian had previously experienced the Shure UHF-R wireless systems during a rental and knew that was the level of sound quality and performance he required.

As always, it's the small things that make all the difference! In this case the icing on the cake that solidified the deal was the upcoming UR5 fully compatible UHF-R portable diversity receiver for pro camcorder applications at MTS Centre and the availability of the ultra-convenient WA360 remote-mute switch for Shure body-pack transmitters.

So far, the project includes two UR4D dual receivers, three UR2/SM58 handheld transmitters and three UR1 body-pack transmitters with ultra-light headset/mics and WA360 switches. The installed antennas are a pair of UA870WB wideband amplified directionals. The UR5 portable receivers will be added once the new product becomes available this summer.

When the 2011-2012 NHL season starts, hockey fans in Winnipeg and throughout the league will be treated to a world-class display of sound and images that only a

state-of-the-art venue like the MTS Centre can provide. (Although the NHL franchise has yet to be officially named... Go Jets Go!)