

Xutos & Pontapés Celebrate 40th Anniversary With Martin Audio



Martin Audio's Portuguese partner LVT Audio recently supported a landmark 40th anniversary performance by the country's most famous rock band, Xutos & Pontapés and the Portuguese Philharmonic Orchestra with a Martin Audio MLA Compact rig. This is one of a series of premium line arrays from the British manufacturer in their armoury.

The band itself was founded in Lisbon by the late Zé Pedro, Zé Leonel, Kalú and Tim, and the Porto-based rental company were determined to cut no corners at Porto's 8,500-capacity Super Bock Arena.

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With audio direction by LVT principal, and technical director, Miguel Lindo and support from Martin Audio's North American technical specialist Joe Lima, LVT provided Xutos' FOH engineer, Carlos Vales (Cajó) and system tech, Antonio (Touché) Costa with a powerful system. This comprised hangs of 18 elements of MLA Compact per side, with a further 12 MLA Mini and three MSX subs on each flank performing outfill duties.

LF reinforcement for the main system was in the shape of 16x DSX subwoofers, set in cardioid broadside configuration, while front fills consisted of four further MLA Compact.



Commenting on his experience with the PA rig, Xutos' FOH engineer, Carlos Vales stated, "Ever since the modular system era, Martin Audio has been a perfect match for Rock & Roll - both on monitors and PA. And MLA is no exception! With excellent definition and consistent dispersion throughout the audience area, it is an excellent PA in every situation."

Adding his own experiences with Martin Audio's front-line PA's, Miguel Lindo stated, "We've done more than 40 concerts since October 2020 covering all genres of music - and always with impressive results."

"We will continue to delve deeper into the properties of these systems on a day-to-day basis - particularly its deployment in arenas - in order to get the best out of this highly-captivating and advanced technology."

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