



#### Iconic venue chooses CHAINMASTER

#### **m** O2 Academy Leeds

The O2 Academy in Leeds is an iconic venue with a rich music history. Originally opening in 1885 as the Coliseum Theatre, with its first performance by the full band of the Grenadier Guards, the impressive space went on to host the famous Gilberts circus. Subsequent incarnations saw the space working as a cinema, bingo hall, social club and night club before becoming the Academy in 2008. The venue is said to be haunted by the ghost of the circus ringmaster from t he 1890's with sightings still reported to this day.



#### The venue

The 2300 capacity venue is a popular destination on the touring map of the UK music scene. Due the age and ornate nature of the building, the loading on the roof structure is limited. A permanent truss ground support structure is used over stage to ensure touring rigs can be accommodated. Over the audience are two iconic ellipse trusses, used as acoustic baffles and for FOH touring technical equipment.

## **Why CHAINMASTER?**

Stephen Sparke, Technical Manager for the venue approached CHAINMASTER looking for an upgrade to the current rigging installation, which had in place since 2008. Stephen was looking for a system that allowed people to be present below the rigging. without the need for secondary safeties. CHAINMASTER D8Plus Ultra, Low Voltage control hoists were specified for that purpose.







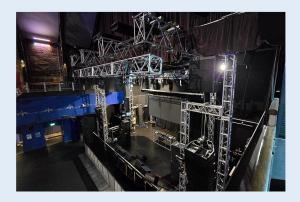


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#### **CELLMASTER Load Monitoring**

CELLMASTER wireless load cells were also utilised to ensure rigging points are safely within the weight restrictions of the building, especially over the audience, where touring equipment is often added to the ellipse trusses that are suspended from the building structure. Now the venue can monitor the live loads during the rigging process as well as during the show.





#### Partner perfection

Supply and installation was expertly carried out by CHAINMASTER partner Axiom Events Ltd. Robbie Baxter from Axiom said, "We know the O2 Academy Leeds venue very well, and we love working with the team at CHAINMASTER, so being involved in this equipment safety upgrade was the perfect project for us."

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