

SAY AND ROYAL ALBERT HALL WORK TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT “CONTROL OF NOISE” LAW.



With the recent implementation of the “control of noise at work” in the music and entertainment industry, the Royal Albert Hall has been busy taking steps to ensure their operational staff wear suitable hearing protection.

The implementation of hearing protection may sound a simple task, however many of the staff at this prestigious venue are customer facing and wearing earplugs that effectively make individuals temporarily deaf were not an option.

Health & Safety Manager, Mike Herbert identified the perfect solution, ER Custom Made Earplugs. Originally designed with musicians in mind, these fitted the remit in all aspects.

Mike explains “I was first introduced to the ER range of custom fitted plugs earlier in the decade during my time as a technician and have been keen on this solution ever since”.

“We invited Stuart Young, Director of SAY along to Royal Albert Hall for initial talks about how to overcome the implementation of our communication devices with our new earplugs and this proved to be a lot easier than first thought”.

By incorporating a unique flat attenuating filter, the ER custom moulded plug is tuned to provide a predefined reduction in ambient noise by either 9, 15 or 25dB (A) whilst maintaining clarity, meaning staff are able to hear clearly but at reduced, safe volume.

Coupled with adaptors for the earpieces used on our communication systems, it has meant that it has been possible to turn audio volumes into the ear down whilst still maintaining clarity and further reducing risk.

The ER Custom Made Earplug

“Within a week or so we arranged for Stuart to return with his impression kit and started the process of having this solution made for 25 of our most ‘at risk’ staff and because of this solution’s success we are hoping to roll out the scheme to other staff where required”.

Implementation of these products has been backed up with audiometric testing and extensive, detailed noise monitoring in all areas of the venue is planned for the future.

The protection of long term hearing health is an important issue for all involved in the entertainment industry and one that the Royal Albert Hall and SAY are passionate about. The long term effects of tinnitus and noise induced hearing loss really do have a significant affect on our quality of life and we should not take our hearing for granted.

For further details on ER Custom Made Earplugs, please visit www.hearforlife.co.uk.

