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## **7<sup>th</sup> Heaven Plays beneath Elation Rig on “Chicago Music Cruise” aboard *Harmony of the Seas***

Chicago-based rock band 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven has been an entertainment staple in the American Midwest for 30 years. Despite its location in the U.S. heartland, the band does an annual cruise called the “Chicago Music Cruise” and this year played a week of shows on the largest cruise ship in the world, *Harmony of the Seas*, a Royal Caribbean smartship outfitted with energy-efficient Elation Professional LED lighting.



7<sup>th</sup> Heaven has been sailing with Royal Caribbean for years but this was the first year they were hired as a feature act. On a *Harmony of the Seas* cruise that sailed the Caribbean from January 7<sup>th</sup> to January 13<sup>th</sup>, the band played shows in the ship’s Royal Theater, the ship’s main entertainment space, as well as a final show in the Aqua Theater.

Band lighting designer Zach Scott, who has been with the band for six years and lights almost every show they play, an average of 250 a year, had large, in-house intelligent lighting rigs at his disposal. The ship’s main entertainment and relaxation areas all house Elation LED lighting. The Royal Theater’s house lighting rig comprises 32 Platinum Wash ZFX Pro™, 40 Satura Spot LED Pro™, 22 Platinum Beam Extreme 5R™, 6 Platinum Spot™, 8 Platinum Wash ZFX Pro XL™ and 19 ELED QA Strip™ fixtures. Although Zach was familiar with many of the Elation lighting fixtures, there were a few in the rig he hadn’t yet had the opportunity to use. “This was the first time I got to use the



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Satura's and ZFX Pros," he stated. "I was super excited when programming with these fixtures because even though 7th Heaven is a rock band, we had to keep it tasteful to attract a large age group ranging from kids to senior citizens. These fixtures were a great choice for that."

Most of what Zach used in the Royal Theater was hung on the upstage and midstage truss but he also had beams in the corridors on stage left and right. He programmed and operated the shows using a provided Hog 4 with a wing. Zach said he enjoyed the experience and sends a special thank you to Jonathan Wormgoor, head of lighting for Harmony of the Seas' Royal Theater, saying "He helped me get the show where it needed to be."

Harmony of the Seas first sailed in 2016 and is an environmentally friendly 'smartship' in which energy savings and energy efficiency take priority. Elation LED lighting systems can be found across the ship including in the Royal Theater, Studio B ice rink, Royal Promenade, AquaTheater, Boardwalk, FlowRider surf area, Solarium and pool area, as well as a host of onboard clubs, bars and lounges.

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