

**Co-Producing and Sound Designing** 

A Culmination Project by Kevin Perea

Source: Control Geek

## **Preface**

- Back on Campus
  - Online for 2 years
  - Spring 2022 In-Person
  - Cowboy from the Bronx, EIS
  - Real Student Interaction with tech and each other



Technical Director for A Cowboy From the Bronx: Valentina Silva

## A Student Production?

- Gather a team
  - Respective track leaders
- Prof. Sue Brandt suggests:
  - A Talent Showcase!
  - Invite City Tech Students to perform
  - We complete our culmination project
- Let's expand this idea further...



Source: Julia Pasato

# A Cultural Performance Night!

- First student-produced show in years!
- Voorhees Theater
- Students perform art from their culture
- Reach out to all CUNY schools



Source: Open Education Consortium

# A Few Challenges...

- Budget?
  - How are we buying lumber, paint, security etc.
  - Out of our own pockets?
- Legitimacy
  - Group of Students No Real Organization
  - Outreach?
  - Marketing?

## **Lets Get Official!**

- The StageCraft Club!
  - Refounded in Fall of 2022
- We can now...
  - Request resources, money etc.
  - Reach a bigger audience
  - Order supplies
  - Collaborate with SLD, SGA etc.



City Tech Student Club Fair - Fall 2022

# More Challenges...

- Student Government Association/Student Life and Development
  - Show Proposal, PN60, Club Certification, Material Orders SLD
  - Show Proposal, Grant Proposal SGA
  - SGA delays in response...
- December 19th, 2022 Show delayed to Fall 2023
  - Lighting/Scenery Designer graduate in the Spring
  - Morale Hit

# Regrouping and Re-Introducing...

- Show Date is decided:
  - December 7th, 2023
- Roles are decided:
  - Co-Producer
  - Sound Mixer/Designer
- And now formally introducing...
  - CUNY Around the World



Poster Design by Nesreen Hosameldin

# Role - Sound Designer/Mixer

- Front-of-House Mixer
  - Live-Audience
  - Yamaha CL5
- Sound Designer
  - QLab
    - Pre/Post Show Music
    - Intermission
    - Performer Files



Yamaha CL5 in Voorhees Theater

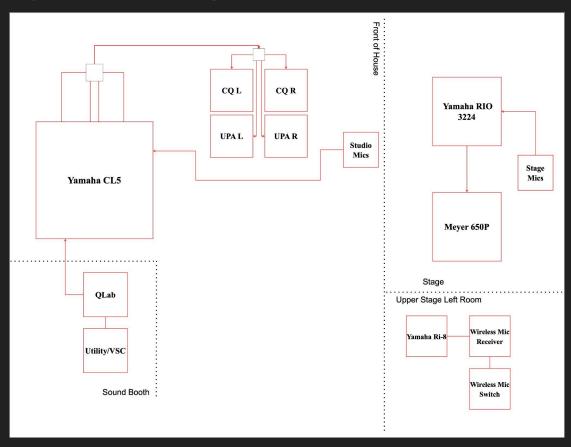
# Role - Sound Designer/Mixer

- AV Crew Leader
  - Compile team of:
    - Asst. Mixer
    - Deck Audio
    - QLab Team
- Draw System Diagram



Asst. Mixer Enson (Left)
QLab Team Coralie and Cristian (Sitting Down)

# System Diagram



#### Resources

- Yamaha CL5
- PA System
  - CQ/UPA Speakers
- Two Computers
  - QLab
  - VSC
  - Dante Controller
- Yamaha RIO Box
- Meyer 650P Subwoofer
- Mics
  - Wrls. Mic Receiver
  - Yamaha Ri-8
  - Into Yamaha RIO Box through Dante

### Role - Co-Producer

- Oversee Production
  - Keep in touch with all crew heads
- Facilitate Production communication
  - Keep all crew heads in loops
- Update SLD and ENT admin
  - For logistical issues
- Discuss Executive Decisions with Leaders



One of the first production meetings - Fall 2022

### Role - Co-Producer

- Procure talent
  - Email/DM CUNY Clubs
  - Audition Posters across campuses
  - Set and Judge In-Person/Zoom auditions
- Oversee Marketing
  - Show Posters across campus
  - Social Media Posts



# Schedule until Show Day

Event	Start Date	End Date	Duration (Days)
Create Show Budget	10/17/2022	11/1/2022	15
SGA Budget Approval	11/1/2022	12/15/2022	44
Reserve Voorhees Theater	2/15/2023	3/1/2023	14
Approve Show Date	2/15/2023	3/1/2023	14
Create Audition Form/Poster	5/1/2023	5/30/2023	29
Reach out to CUNY club	5/31/2023	9/30/2023	122
Meeting w/ Sue Brandt	9/13/2023	12/6/2023	84
Create Pre/Post-Show Playlist	10/1/2023	11/1/2023	31
Create and compile QLab performer list	10/1/2023	11/20/2023	50
Complete Sound Diagram	10/17/2023	11/21/2023	35
Complete/Distribute Show Rider	11/1/2023	11/17/2023	16
Discuss/Create Monitor systems	11/1/2023	11/30/2023	29
Talent Auditions	10/1/2023	11/1/2023	31
Production Meeting w/ Talent	11/1/2023	11/7/2023	6
Rehearsal w/ Talent	11/6/2023	12/7/2023	31
Show Day	12/7/2023		1

# A Few More Challenges...

- Performer Communication
  - Setting auditions/meetings
  - Lack of adherence...
  - Or going dark altogether
- Keeping consistent communication with crew heads
  - Everyone has different schedules and lives
- Work/School/Life Balance
  - Schoolwork
  - Part-Time Job/Gigs
  - Personal responsibilities

## December Nears...

- QLab ready
- Hour-to-Hour Schedule ready
- Performers are confirmed
- Set list ready
- Show Rider ready

#### CUNY Around the World Tech Production - AV Crew

#### CUNY Around the World Tech List and Show Rider UPDATED DEC 7TH 2023

- 3 Wireless Handheld Mics
- 4 Wired Handheld Mics
- 4 Mic Stands
- 3 Headset (over-ear) Mics
- OLab

CUNY Around the World Performer Tech				
Performer Name	Mic	Mic Stand	QLab	
Adam Valle (Host)	WRLS D		Music (Intro)	
Bengali Student Association	WRLS A		Music	
Julissa Mendez	WRLS B	YES	Music/Video	
Naomi Noelle	WRLS C		Image	
Shatisha Bryant	HDST E		Music	
	INTERM	ISSION		
Subhiksha Arani			Music	
Kevin Brown	WRLS A	YES	Video (Intro)	
Ash Franklin	HDST F		Image	
Lehman AfroBeats Dance Tear	n		Music	

## Rehearsal - December 6th



- 1pm Call Time
- Mic/QLab Check
- 5 Performers Arrived
- Relatively smooth

# Show Day - December 7th

- Call Time 10am
- Coffee and Club Concession Run
- Clean Theater w/ Crew
- Start Mic and QLab check
- Performers arrive at 12PM
- Rehearsals!



Tech Rehearsal - Morning of Show

# Show Day Challenges

- Performers were late
- Last Minute Requests from Performers
  - Videos, Lighting Choices, etc.
- Rehearsals ran long
  - Cut into breaks
  - Couldn't rehearse all performers
- Show Day Nerves

## **Show Time!**

- CUNY Around the World
  - 8 Performers
  - Our Host Adam
- Despite a rocky start...
  - A success!



## **Results and Achievement**

- An entertaining show!
- Completion of culmination projects
- Platform for student performers
- Inspiration for next classes?
- Community within the ENT department



CUNY Around the World Run Crew

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  - Lighting Designer
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