# Jethro Harris Sound Engineer



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Valid Code A and B South African Driver's Licence

#### Education

2010: Successfully passed the Matriculation Examination with a University exemption at  ${\underline{\bf Abbott's\ College}}$  in Cape Town, South Africa.

2011 - 2012: Successfully passed Higher Certificate of Sound Production at <a href="SAE Institute">SAE Institute</a>, Cape Town.

#### Career

March 2013 - 2023 | Chief Recording/Sound Engineer/Technical Manager at Milestone Studios, Cape Town, South Africa

- Protools HD and Cubase Pro Engineering ISDN/Source Connect sessions for local and international adverts connecting with studios around the world such as BBC, Sony and with Universal Studios. I am comfortable with both Post Production, voice and music recording. Computer Games and ADR sessions involving Time-code and syncing two projects with video and audio for HBO's Barry, Vice and Banshee. Other shows such as Scorpion, for CBS, SpongeBob SquarePants and Seventh Son with Jeff Bridges.
- Recording, producing, mastering and mixing various
  musicians/bands and award winning albums, from The Cape
  Philharmonic Orchestra to full jazz and heavy (extreme) metal
  bands. Including local and international musicians, such as
  - Miley Cyrus (for her black mirror episode), Mandisi Dyantyis
    (Album recorded and mixed won SAMA Award), Msaki (Vocals and band recordings on album that also won a SAMA Award), Tresor, Linda Sikhakhane, Shabaka Hutchings and more.
- Recording of music for TV series such as Shaka iLembe S1
- Recording of 4 episodes for a local TV program called <u>Jam</u>
   Sandwich on SABC (South African Broadcast Commission).

Nov 2011 - Current|Freelance audio technician for local and international events:

 March - April 2024 | Living in USA mixing and producing music for various artist including artists under Indian River Music Record Label

November 2023 | Sound Designer assistant at <a href="COP28">COP28</a> in Dubai. Our main focus was <a href="Dinner 2050">Dinner 2050</a>

April - May 2023 | FOH and Technical Manager For:

UK and EU Unique Legion Tour. Extreme Metal
bands included Vulvodynia, Last 10 Seconds of
Life, Bonecarver & Bound in Fear

December 2022/Jan 2023| Partypocalypse SA Tour. FOH Engineer and Technical Manager for Springbok Nude Girls

July - August 2019 | Beatenberg FOH Berlin and London

April 2013 - Current| Freelancing at Golden Circle Productions as a Stage Tech/Front of House/Monitor Engineer

Festival work as Monitor, FOH engineer, Stage Manager as well as for large shows and corporate events

2018 - Current | Yoav, SA FOH Sound Engineer

2017 - 2023 | <u>Alice Phoebe Lou</u>, SA FOH Sound Engineer

#### 2016 - Current | <u>Grassy Spark</u>, FOH Engineer, Tech Manager

Wen have toured together all over Africa from corporate events to 25000+ people audience festivals, as well as a live broadcast studio performances on  $\frac{5\,\mathrm{fm}}{}$  radio from Red Bull studios.

Witchfest Festival 2017 | FOH Engineer for with Mantar and house engineer for <u>DevilDriver</u>.

July 2016 - March 2017 | <u>Jeremy Loops</u> Live Tech manager, FOH Engineer, Demo Recording Engineer

# April 2016 | Recorded and mixed the Sol Gems Album, Lapis Lazuli

The Album was  $number\ 1$  on the Indie charts on a South African Radio Station  $\underline{5fm}$  during Nov and Dec of 2016.

Live broadcast show mixes on local TV stations.

#### November 2011 - April 2014 | Kirstenbosch Summer Sunset Concerts in Cape Town.

Started as **Backline Tech** and then promoted to **Head Stage Tech**, **Stage Manager** then **Monitor Engineer**.

Duties included:

- Creating patch lists from artist tech-riders.
- Making sure the correct microphones, mic stands, DI-boxes and backline were supplied/rented from  $3^{\rm rd}$  party companies to provide for specific tech-rider requirements.
- Linking of various digital mixing consoles, like <u>Digico</u> or <u>Yamaha</u> via **MADI** or **DANTE** as a slave or split from the FOH console and using it to mix up to 10 wedge monitor and or In Ear Monitor mixes simultaneously.

## 2012 - 2016 | FOH Engineer at The Assembly nightclub, Cape Town.

I Started as stage Tech and worked my way to Front Of House. Cape Town's largest night club/live music venue before it shut down during lock down.

## 2015 - 2017 | $\underline{\text{DevilSpeak}}$ band's Studio producer and FOH engineer

Front Of House engineer and Record Producer, recording engineer and mixer.

## 2015 & 2017: Witchdoctor productions FOH/Monitor engineer

Witchfest Festival 2015, Johannesburg. Monitor Engineer with an extreme metal line up of bands such as <u>Cannibal Corpse</u>, <u>Belphagor</u>, <u>Septicflesh</u>, <u>Fleshgod Apocalypse</u> and many more.

- 2014 | FOH engineer at "South Africa's Got Talent" TV Show
- 2014 2015| FOH Engineer at the  ${\color{red} {\tt V\&A~Waterfront}}$ 's Amphitheater

## 2013 - 2015| FOH Engineer at Mercury Live nightclub, Cape Town.

Seen at the time as the premium place for live musicians to perform within the under ground scene in Cape Town.

- 2012 2014 | Managing a back-line company MIR (Music Instrument Rental), Cape Town
- 2011 2013 | Sound Engineer at The Bay Harbour Market, Hout Bay, Cape Town

#### Skills

- Vast and extensive musical genre knowledge and appropriate tonal processing (I am especially familiar with extreme metal, as well as punk-rock, ska, jazz, gospel, indie and African genres of music).
- **Pro-tools HD** and **Cubase pro** tracking, editing, mixing, sound design and project management.
- Lots of Soldering and wiring/routing studio set ups to improve signal as well as work flow and equipment maintenance such as recapping consoles etc.
- Building construction of recording studio experience, from dry wall, to acoustic panels, bass traps and floating rooms.
- Experienced in sonic measurements of acoustic spaces.
- DOLBY ATMOS and DOLBY ATMOS RENDERER/MASTERING SUITES within
  PROTOOLS as Milestone Studios has an ATMOS MIXING STUDIO
- Boom Swinging and lapel microphone and time-code set up for location audio.
- Post production audio.
- ADR voice recording session management and setup
- Source Connect
- Experience with **DANTE** and **MADI** routing and set up
- Mixing on large and complex analogue/digital consoles with excessive numbers of inputs/outputs, inserts and external processing. Yamaha,
   Digico, Alan and Heath, AVID, Soundcraft, SSL, Midas etc.
- Tuning/Ringing out PA systems using graphic equalizers and time alignment techniques.
- Ringing out Monitors using a graphic equalizer.
- Vast knowledge of different microphone tonal characteristics and a large personal collection of microphones. I have had 1<sup>st</sup> hand experience with Neumann u47/u87/u67 to ribbon microphones such as Royers to Coles 4038's all the way down to dynamic mics such as EV re20's and Sennheiser MD421s to name a few.
- Creating patch-lists and microphone-lists for my clients or other engineer's specifications.
- First hand experience with different external sound processors, from 31-band graphic equalizers, compressors, Neve/ API/ Raindirk/ Focusrite/ SSL/ Drawmer/ Manley, FX units, external reverbs (AKG BX20/BX10/AMS/Lexicon 480/224), gates and de-essers.

- Correctly and safely setting up backline, from valve guitar amps,
  congas, bass amps, keyboards and drum kits and drum kit/instrument
  maintenance.
- Experience with mixing monitors, in-ear monitors and wireless setups
- Clear and direct communications via e-mail, as well as supplying clients with quotes after sourcing equipment.
- Putting artists at ease via friendly conversation and reassurance.
- · Working under short time constraints and massive pressure.
- Having the ability to delegate tasks of responsibility.
- Conceptualizing cable routes to ensure neatness on stage for musician and audience pleasure not to forget quick trouble shooting ease.
- Smart adjustments to patch lists and mixing techniques due to equipment availability and poor acoustic environments.
- Being Passionate, Punctual and RELIABLE to ensure enough sound check and set up time.

#### References

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