FOR-A’s HVS-490 Production Switcher

FOR-A’s new HVS-490 production switcher, the latest in its popular HANABI line of video switchers, offers 4K-UHD and 3G capabilities, and is a perfect solution for worship video and broadcast. Packed with useful features that allow for creativity in video switching, including FOR-A’s exclusive switcher technologies, the HVS-490 also opens the door to more affordable 4K production.

Thanks to its compact size, the affordable HVS-490 is ideal for portable churches where space is limited but production quality is critical and outstanding performance is crucial. Event memory and macro functions make it easy to set the switcher up quickly for live performances. With integrated frame synchronizers and multi-viewers, the HVS-490 reduces the amount of additional equipment required. Multiple control panels enable several operators to work on separate tasks at the same time. With use of optional input and output expansion cards, the HVS-490 supports 40 inputs/18 outputs, 36 inputs/20 outputs or 32 inputs/22 outputs, including two-channel HDMI outputs. In 4K-UHD, it allows 10 inputs/six outputs, nine inputs/six outputs or eight inputs/seven outputs. It also has 16 channels of 2.5 DVE as standard and can be optionally expanded to a maximum of 32 channels.

Building on the success of features offered in other units in the HANABI series, the HVS-490 includes MELite™ technology, eliminating the need for multiple switchers in a multi-monitor staging scenario, as well as FLEXaKEY™, which allows a traditional AUX bus to transform into a functional Mix Effects with cuts, mix, wipes, keys, and DVE including full preview. MELite extends the switcher’s two M/Es to six M/E performance (in 4K-UHD, HVS-490 has 1 M/E + 1 MELite with optional HVS-49IO card), and is the building block for more easy-to-use features of the HVS-490, such as upstream and downstream transition effects.

“The HVS-490 is designed for the operator, including the weekend volunteer or the on-staff professional. From the easy to create panel memory (P-MEM™) or the easy to control macro system, features pioneered by FOR-A, including FLEXaKEY™ and the popular MELite™, create more possibilities for transitioning effects for on stage monitors or processing audio in the switcher and bus linking. All will be a welcome addition to your live events, as the HVS-490 is brimming with features to make every house of worship ceremony one to truly remember,” says Jay Shinn, Vice President, FOR-A America.

FOR-A is now delivering the new HVS-490 switcher with two types of 2 M/E control panels: the HVS-492OU, which features a compact panel that has 18 buttons; and the HVS-492WOU, which features a wide panel that includes 22 buttons. The control panels are stylishly designed and offer a touch screen panel with an easy-to-use interface.

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