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International School Bangkok: November 2011

Since 1951 the International School Bangkok (ISB) has provided high quality western education to English-speaking children living in the Thai capital.

Originally established to educate the children of foreign diplomats, the school is now based on a \$25 campus housing American style elementary, middle and high schools, as well as a five-story, 67,000 square metre Cultural Centre in which J&C Joel installed a complete manually operated counterweight system, stage machinery, motorised tracking and stage curtains.

The ISB Cultural Centre's stage is served by a comprehensive counterweight system comprising of 30 single-purchase counterweight cradles at 270mm centres. The counterweight system uses 20mm diameter Chatham hemp rope and is controlled at fly gallery level using J&C Joel's standard cam-operated rope locks.

Suspension cables were also provided, and those connected to the top of the counterweight cradle terminate onto removable pins, allowing for easy replacement of individual cables. J&C Joel also designed and installed secondary steelwork from which a demountable stretching frame was suspended and covered in J&C Joel's natural Cotton Cyclorama Canvas (CAN028).

The installation also included the provision of 32 metres of motorised Unitrack curtain tracking and a complete complement of stage curtains manufactured from black durably flame retardant Velvet Velour (VEL035), including a stage pelmet lined with black Sateen Lining (LIN003) and unlined mid stage drapes, borders and legs.



The stage of the ISB's Cultural Centre dressed with curtains and a cyclorama by J&C Joel (Above). A complete rigging system was also provided (right)

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