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David Gallant checks out the latest instruments, books and accessories

Xvive PX Portable 3-Channel Personal Mixer

The PX is a belt pack unit that receives audio via ethernet cable from a mixing console, giving the player control over three separate audio feeds. Most bands don't have the luxury of a monitor mix engineer, and often need to mix their own sound from the stage. The PX system makes it easier

for each band member to hear exactly what they need to hear.

The PX system comprises the PX-A mixer/headphone amplifier, the PX-B 3-channel snake and the EC25 25-foot Cat 5 ethernet cable. The PX-B snake connects to up to three auxiliary outputs on the soundboard, allowing you to send three different sub-mixes of your choice to the PX-A. The EC25 Cat 5 cable (or any ethernet cable up to 200 feet long) connects the snake to the PX-A belt-pack, which then allows the user to control not only the levels of each of the three channels, but also the panning of each, as well as the master volume level. Players connect in-ear monitors, headphones or earbuds to the PX-A.

Using the Ethernet cable allows the PX system to send three channels of audio through one long cable, and allows users to power the PX-A unit using PoE (Power over Ethernet) by simply connecting a 9V/2A centre-negative power supply to the PX-B snake. Alternatively, the PX-A unit can be powered for up to 5 hours on two AAA batteries.

The system can be expanded with the PX-H Hub: a rack-mountable breakout box that takes one ethernet input and distributes it to up to five PX-A belt-packs. The PX-H sends the same three sub-mix signals to everyone connected. Essential (and affordable!) kit.

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