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TOMCAT's 18th Annual Hoist & Rigging Workshop Secure your spot now!

TOMCAT's 2011 ETCP Hoist & Rigging workshops are less than 3 weeks away, February 16-19 in Midland, Texas. Registration is still open for those interested in improving their skills and prospects for 2011 and beyond with training on chain hoists or rigging principles. The schedule is finalized and includes a team of world-class instructors to provide a hands-on-learning experience to production professionals across North America. More information on the workshops in Midland can be found at www.tomcatglobal.com/workshop.html.

"We are thrilled to welcome and provide training to people from different backgrounds and industries that are committed to advancing their skills and knowledge on behalf of their professional future" stated Will Todd. "TOMCAT has been the industry leader in providing training in the truss, hoist and rigging disciplines and our workshops are highly respected among the professionals in the entertainment technology world" added Todd.

The Hoist & Rigging workshops schedule includes instruction by respected and recognized leaders in the industry. Both training tracts include instruction on truss design, usage and theory with Will Todd, TOMCAT USA's Product Support Manager. Keith Bohn, TOMCAT USA's Custom Projects Director, will lead a session on design and safe use of ground supported structures. The first day of training will conclude with an introduction to entertainment automation by Kevin Taylor, CEO of Stage Technologies.

Attendees in the Hoist & Truss tract will start with a training session on hoist control systems let by Kevin Taylor of Stage Technologies. Participants will then get dirty with Dave Carmack of Columbus McKinnon, who will provide hands-on motor instruction including teardown, re-assembly, maintenance and live troubleshooting. This group will conclude its training by taking CM's certification exam.

In the Rigging & Truss workshop, ETCP certified rigger and instructor G. Anthony Phillips of RigRider Rigging Services will teach safe rigging practices and principles, while Morgan Neff, Fall Protection expert will instruct on safe fall protection practices. Participants will also have the opportunity to put these principles into live practice.

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TOMCAT believes that continued training and professional development activities are essential to safely working in the ever changing entertainment technology environment. The workshops delivered for 17 years are proof of TOMCAT's commitment for those new to the industry as well as veterans of the business.

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About TOMCAT

TOMCAT together with Litec and Brilliant Stages, specializes in the fabrication of aluminum truss, structural components and custom stages for the entertainment, audiovisual, exhibition and worship industries as well as providing related products such as theatrical chain hoists, custom electric assemblies, lighting products and rigging hardware. We are part of the Vitec Group plc. More information can be found at www.tomcatglobal.com

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