Turning Stage Lighting ON & OFF at the Summit Playhouse

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Turn Everything ON:

*** Basement:

Turn on "DMX Splitter" switch to right of panelboard.

Turn on top 8 breakers on right side of panelboard. That is, all the black-handled breakers on the right side.

"ON" is towards the center. Occasionally one stops about half-way to the center. If that happens, turn it off (away from center) and try again.

Verify that 5 dimmers on the wire rack have lights. If not, check that the breakers are all the way to the center.

NOTE: BE CAREFUL YOU DON'T TURN OFF THE BREAKERS ON THE LEFT SIDE!

*** Balcony -- Mac Mini lighting computer:

First, push the shift key on the keyboard and wait 10 seconds. If the monitor displays a login screen, it was just sleeping. If the monitor stays off, the computer was turned off. Push the power button -- it's on the back corner, near the power cable.

Login as "summit."

After login, the screen may have a window labeled "ETCnomad Shell", with two columns of buttons on a black background. If it does, click on the **"Primary"** button (top left). In 5-10 seconds the lighting program will start and will take over the entire screen. You'll see an array of boxes representing the lighting levels. That means the controller is running, and you can ignore the lighting computer until you shut it down.

If you don't see the "ETCnomad Shell" window, click on the "Eos Family Welcome Screen" icon in the dock. The window should appear in a few seconds. Click on Primary, as above.

NOTE: There are *two* Eos icons in the dock. When you hover the mouse over the icons, the upper one says "Eos Family Welcome Screen", and the lower one just says "Eos Family". ***Be sure you click on the "Eos Family Welcome Screen" icon, not the other one!*** If you immediately get the full-screen lighting control window WITHOUT getting the the "ETCnomad shell" window with, you clicked the wrong icon! Quit the app (command-Q, then click "OK" in the bottom left). Then click on the other dock icon – the "Eos Family Welcome Screen" icon.

*** Balcony -- QLab laptop:

Open Mac cover and login as summit for our mainstage shows, or kaleidoscope for our youth shows.

Turn on the Tascam audio interface box. That's the black box that's 2" high and 19" wide. Use the rocket switch on the left end of the front of the Tascam box. It takes a few seconds to power up. When ready, the red & orange LEDs to the left of the switch come on.

Turn on the 2 power amplifiers -- bottom box in the bottom of the stack to the left of laptop (push the buttons in the center).

Turn on the power strip on the far right end of the table. In a moment, you'll hear the moving lights "shake."

On the laptop, double-click the latest *.qlab4 to start QLab. The QLab window takes 5-10 seconds to appear.

In QLab, do the initial sound and lamp test cues. If the lights do not come on, check that you started the lighting computer correctly -- see above.

*** On stage:

Verify lamp count.

*** At stage manager desk:

Push up the 4 rightmost switches under plexiglass.

Verify that work lights and house lights are still on, but dim.

*** Balcony:

In QLab, go to the House + Works cue.

Turn Everything OFF:

*** Balcony:

After the audience has cleared out, do the final house & works cue.

Laptop: Make sure you've executed the final House & Works cue, and the stage lights are all off. Quit QLab. Then select SLEEP on the Apple menu, and close the cover.

Lighting mac mini: Quit the lighting program (command-Q, or EOS Family->Quit). Remember to click OK in the bottom left of the screen. It will take 10+ seconds to stop. When it does, you'll see the desktop again. Select Shutdown from the Apple menu.

Turn off the 2 power amps.

Turn off Tascam audio interface (rocker switch).

Turn off the power strip on the far right end of the table.

NOTE: Do NOT turn off the outlet strip that's on the support to the left of the table. That stays on.

*** Stage Manager's Desk:

Push down the four switches under the plexiglass cover.

*** Basement:

Turn off the 8 black handled breakers on the right side of the panelboard. Verify that the lights on the top of the dimmers are off.

Then turn off the DMX splitter switch.

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If we're doing an "Opening Night Party":

For opening night, use the "Opening night party" preshow announcement cue.

After opening night, change that cue to use the "Regular" preshow announcement.

Just in case, test it after you change it.