**Learning to Operate a Lighting Control Board**

With the help of the board’s manual, a supervisor or someone with experience, check out the lighting board and start to learn how to use it. Here are some questions to direct your self-learning:

Is the board a computer-controlled lighting console? Do manual dimmers control the lanterns?

Check how the board is set up. Look at various cue settings.

Is the patching correct? Are the right lanterns with the right dimmer?

Are the DMX addresses correct? Do the right lanterns light up with the correct computer cue?

With a manual console, are the fades set according to the cure sheet?

Can you see the lighting control board clearly in the set-up position?

Can you see the whole of the performance area clearly from the lighting control console?

Can you reach all controls easily and without straining?

Is there a working communication system with the stage manager?

Where and how do you load the digital file to set the board (computer control)?

Find instructions for and practice using the variety of functions available on the console.