

MEDWAY ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL

UK'S MEDWAY COUNCIL GETS CLEAR
SOUND WITH ICONYX INSTALL



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Polar Audio's digital audio installation at St Georges Centre Medway in southern England, which combines Renkus-Heinz Iconyx cabinets, a Biamp Nexia CS and a beyerdynamic MCWD wireless conference system, marks a neat and high tech transformation of this unusual building.

Canterbury Christ Church University signed a licence agreement for shared use with Medway Council of the venue, an architecturally listed (protected) building that serves as a Victorian Maritime Museum and Church in Medway, on the south side of the Thames Estuary. The Medway towns' strategic importance predates the Roman invasion and its naval heritage stretches back several centuries.

The 300-seat building was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, as St George's Church on 19 December 1906, and for many years served the needs of the Royal Navy Pembroke Barracks. With the Navy's departure in 1984, this fine building changed its name to St George's Centre and opened its doors, inviting all to see its many memorials bearing witness to the heroic deeds of many gallant men and ships. Beautiful stained glass windows, many unveiled by HRH Princess Elizabeth in 1950, and plaques commemorate local naval history throughout the century.

Under the new partnership, the venue is used for conference, teaching, examinations and music, with Medway Council in particular employing its conferencing

facilities for presentations and their larger congress meetings.

A pair of Iconyx IC8 loudspeakers, custom coloured in matt black by Polar Audio, covers the room which is also served by some 60 beyerdynamic MCWD wireless conference units and a Biamp Nexia CS.

Matthew Buck of Polar Audio comments: "The project was originally specified as a distributed delayed system, but because of constraints imposed by the fact that the building is listed, we proposed to the client that they should look at a more advanced solution, in particular Iconyx. Being a very long narrow room with hard, reflective surfaces everywhere, it's a tough room but the client is very pleased with the results, which surpassed their expectations."