

Twenty One Pilots

Clancy Tour Lighting Lore

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Quick Introduction

Hi, I'm Jay, a 22 year-old musician with a BIG passion for TØP. I've been following this band for over 9 years and saw them live for the third time during the Clancy Tour.

When Shap (lighting director for TØP) said there were at least 9 easter eggs left to find in the lighting of the Clancy Tour, I took to discord to try to figure it out. Luckily there was already an existing thread so I got to work with a bunch of people there.

We had a lot of unanswered questions and no one really had any good videos to use as a reference. I happened to stumble across a video of Clancy Tour that's just a wide shot the whole time so I used that as a reference (linked below), and I got to work!

Now, I am not an expert in TØP lore, so I'm hoping that the experts find this document and are able to decode this more than I can. Also I may have gotten some things wrong so feel free to call me out if I did.

If you have any questions at all feel free to message me on instagram @ jay.cymbal
That being said, grab a snack and your Clancy masks and enjoy!

Link to video I used: https://youtu.be/TlE_PlbF-H0?si=dgqt0ytvRM3Lg13B

Overcompensate

Color Scheme: Black/Red

Lighting Details:

Overhead lights are VERY low and facing down, covering the top of the logo & video wall

Flashes of white in time with punches in the song

Overhead lights strobing effect

When the lyrics "Josh Dun" are said, blue lights go off on top of Josh in time with the lyrics

Logo is solid red throughout

Video Wall:

8 beams of red light, each one representing one of the living bishops of DEMA

Holding on to You

Color Scheme: Red/Black/White/Blue

Lighting Details:

Overheads lights are facing the crowd

White spotlight on Josh during his short drum solo

Flashes of white timed to the punches of the song

Lights immediately all switch to blue once bridge begins, logo remains red

Strobing white spotlights on Tyler & Josh during bridge

Logo begins flashing red/blue as bridge intensifies, settles on red

Video Wall:

Off until bridge

During the bridge, shows rain falling & rain intensifies as the bridge progresses

Completely red during Josh's backflip

Depicts circular red graphic during remainder of song

Vignette

Color Scheme: Blue/Red

Lighting Details:

Tyler walks into blue spotlights at beginning of song in time with the punches

Overhead lights are very mobile, some blue strobing with glowing yellow lights on the sides

White spotlight on Tyler, blue spotlight on Josh

Flashes of white during the chorus in time with the punches of the song

Video Wall: Off during the whole song

Car Radio

Color Scheme: Blue/Black

Lighting Details:

Lasers cast 2 big blue cones across the arena

VERY blue throughout, no spotlights

Overhead lights go higher when Tyler does disappearing trick

Blue spotlight on Josh during ending of song

Video Wall:

Flashes white during “I liked it better when my car had sound”

As the synth solo approaches, displays what seems to be a massive speaker cone with “Clancy” design on some rings. Center flashes white/black

Cryo/Pyro

Cryo during synth solo and leading up to Tyler disappearing trick

The Judge/Cut My Lip

Color Scheme: Blue/Red

Lighting Details:

Overhead lights are high up and blue

Logo flashes red/blue

White spotlights on Tyler & Josh

Lighting becomes very blue during bridge

After tempo change, logo fades from blue to purple

Video Wall:

Fan video kicks off the song

Seems to depict a bunch of plants and flowers, background flashes red

Red goes away when bridge begins

After tempo change, depicts spinning blue/ white/purple graphics

Returns to plants and flowers after second tempo change

Displays the words “Josh Dun” in time with the lyrics

The Craving

Color Scheme: Blue/Yellow

Lighting Details:

Blue spotlight on Josh, yellow spotlight on Tyler

Blue spotlight goes away during ending, returns as soon as transition begins, switches to yellow as transition progresses

To note: Josh's drum riser remains lit up blue until TIMH begins

Video Wall: Off during the whole song

Tear in my Heart

Color Scheme: Yellow/Blue

Lighting Details:

Yellow spotlights, blue back spotlights

Up until the end of the first chorus, every time there's a yellow spotlight on Josh his drum riser glows blue

Stage drenched in blue light as soon as the bridge starts, yellow spotlights going towards the crowd

Blue/yellow spotlight on Tyler and Josh right after bridge

Logo is yellow for majority of song, fades yellow/blue during the ending

Yellow spotlight on Tyler during ending

Video Wall: Off until the very end of the song

Shows blue/orange line graphic

Backslide

Color Scheme: Blue/Black/White/Red

Lighting Details:

Overhead lights very low and tilted towards center

Lighting is primarily blue, flashes red whenever Blurryface speaks. Same for logo

Lighting completely white during final chorus

Logo flashes red at the very end

Video Wall:

Begins depicting 6 white rectangles showing age, with circles towards the middle

Rectangles flash seemingly at random

Slowly fades to black during the pre-chorus

Depicts either birds or flower pedals (I seriously cannot tell) flowing from left to right during the choruses

During verse 2 circles on white rectangles become thicker, outer circles are fragmented

A spider can be seen crawling on some of the rectangles

During second chorus lighting strikes and smoke are added

Lighting strikes and smoke stop during final chorus

At the very end, same design from the verses but the circles have almost completely taken over, white rectangles barely look like rectangles

Shy Away

Color Scheme: Blue/Purple/Yellow

Lighting Details:

Overhead lights are tilted towards the center at beginning, straighten out when Tyler and Josh go back to their usual spots on stage

Logo is mostly solid blue, flashes purple occasionally

When Tyler and Josh return to their usual spots, yellow lights are introduced

At this point, logo begins flashing blue/
purple/yellow

Video Wall:

Depicts purple/blue clouds slowly moving from left to right

Flashes yellow briefly

Once Tyler and Josh return to their usual spots, yellow flashes are added in the clouds

Heathens

Color Scheme: Green/Purple

Lighting Details:

Green lights begin, purple takes over during instrumental intro
White spotlight on Josh
Overhead lights flash white spotlights in time with punches during instrumental intro
Logo fades purple/green (I think? Hard to tell in the video I watched)
Green lights during very end until NS transition

Video Wall:

Depicts the words “Watch it” during intro
Depicts moving spiderweb
Depicts tons of spiders quickly running from the center during “watch it”
instrumental break. During final instrumental break, flashes white/green/purple

Cryo/Pyro

Cryo and fireworks during “watch it” punches

Next Semester

Color Scheme: Red/White

Lighting Details:

Yellow spotlight on Tyler during beginning
Logo goes blue during “I remember certain things”
Begins flashing red, turns red on “hey kid get out of the road”
Honestly the logo changes a lot during this one, I’d recommend watching a video

Video Wall:

Intro: Flashes red and yellow plant graphic
Displayed lyrics of the song with sparks flying
Also displays graphics of going down the street in a city during certain parts

Towards the ending, blue wings are displayed, and they are growing. The part of the wings that is growing is red, and then turns blue once fully grown
During this, logo is fading between red and blue. Logo settles on blue and the red disappears from the wings

Routines in the Night

Color Scheme: Red/black

Lighting Details:

Flashes of red light in time with punches of the song. Red flood lights during most of the song

Additional white lights during chorus

Video Wall: N/A

—————B-STAGE—————

Color Scheme: N/A

Lighting Details: Spotlights on Tyler and Josh throughout

No other lighting used

Video Wall: N/A except for Mulberry Street

Displays visuals during and after the flashlight section. Basically just displays the street set from the livestream. Although the log is red. And actually you can see it lift up to reveal more of the room. Logo settles on blue with yellow lighting on stage

WORTH NOTING: Side screens that show Tyler and Josh aren't used at all until Mulberry Street begins

—————MAIN STAGE—————

Navigating

Color Scheme: Red/Yellow

Lighting Details: Big yellow lights paint the audience in yellow, red lighting on stage.

Logo is also red

Video Wall: Depicts the neon gravestones of DEMA tinted red. The red tint seems to be reacting to the music, pulsing and moving especially on the edges
Seems to be yellow light emanating from the towers that seems to intensify. Also some sparks
When bridge hits, red is replaced with black, TONS of sparks fill the screens
Red returns as “kinds feels like everybody leaves” lyrics are sung

Cryo/Pyro: Fire under DEMA during Navigating intro. Fireworks when chorus hits
Fire under DEMA during choruses
Fire under DEMA during bridge, stays until end of song
Lots of sparks emanating from the towers during the end

Nico and the Niners

Color Scheme: Yellow/Red

Lighting Details:

Yellow and red lights on DEMA during intro. Red lights occur during reversed lyrics
Logo glows yellow during certain moments
Seems to be yellow light coming from DEMA towers
Lights all switch to red when HDS transition begins. DEMA is lit up. Lots of smoke on stage. DEMA begins flashing red, yellow lights turn on when “East is up” is said.
Red smoke behind DEMA

Video Wall:

Song begins with smoke behind DEMA
During “east is up” displays 3 neon tubes placed vertically rotating through the screens
During verses, lots of circular visuals. Highly recommend watching a video (some of the best visuals imo)

Heavydirtysoul

Color Scheme: Red/Black

Lighting Details:

Video Wall:

Gives the illusion of a massive moving red light that overtakes the entirety of the screens during verse 1

During instrumental break after first chorus, flashes the visual patterns associated with the Blurryface songs

Same visuals during verse 2 but with more lights

Red light coming from behind DEMA during second chorus and final chorus

Displays a skeletal dog running across the screen briefly during bridge

Flashes between 3 vertical tube lights, skeletal dog and other visuals during finale

Cryo/Pyro

MASSIVE flame bursts after the verse. Also flames under DEMA after verse until end of chorus

LOTS of fire bursts during finale

My Blood

Color Scheme: Blue/Res

Lighting Details:

Song begins with blue spotlight on Josh, red on Tyler. Flashing white/red lights on DEMA

So much red and blue lighting throughout

Logo flashes red and blue throughout

Blue lights during “represent” moment

VERY IMPORTANT During “Represent” moment VULTURES HEADS MOVE AROUND AND THEIR EYES FLASH YELLOW

Blue spotlight on Josh to finish out the song

Video Wall:

During beginning, displays a planet(?) on each side of DEMA. Displays multiple during verse 1

Displays skulls during chorus 1

Verse 2 same graphics as verse 1 but multiple of the My Blood skeleton logo are rotating over top of the planets

Shows 2 vultures either side of DEMA after second chorus

Vultures are added to the visuals of the choruses during the final one

There's definitely stuff going on in the background of the video wall too but very difficult to make out what it is

VERY IMPORTANT: FIRE begins overtaking the visuals during the final moments of the song

Oldies Station

Color Scheme: Yellow/Red

Lighting Details:

Spotlights on Tyler and Josh

Blue stage lights briefly during ending

Video Wall: Displays clique art throughout

Side screens not used until "you don't quite mind" section

During that section, displays spinning clique art with a yellow flower overlaid

Clique art turns blue as it gets to the edges of the side screens. Left side seems more blue than the right

For ending, side screens display red and yellow circular lights referencing the Clancy Tour Project

Fake You Out

Color Scheme: Blue/Purple

Lighting Details:

Logo and upper lights lower to cover DEMA towers

Blue/purple lasers cover the audience, top lights are purple, blue lights on stage

Red(?) lasers during rap bridge

Video Wall: N/A

Cryo/Pyro: Cryo during choruses

Guns For Hands

Color Scheme: Blue/Red

Lighting Details:

Red logo

During pre-chorus, VERY interesting lighting

Stage 1: Blue lights, red logo

Stage 2: Red lights, blue logo

Switches between stages 1 and 2 6 times, lands on stage 1

Displays red/blue lights during choruses

Verse 1 is stage 1, verse 2 is stage 2

Video Wall: N/A until bridge

Displays lots of circles moving towards the middle

Circles quickly go away before Lavish

Cryo/Pyro: Cryo at beginning and for every chorus

Lavish

Color Scheme: Yellow/Red

Lighting Details: None!

Video Wall: Displays lyrics of the song

To note: the upper screens are lowered to cover the top of the DEMA towers, although they're actually lowered to display the lyrics for Lavish. Video wall and logo move back up before Ride begins

Ride

Color Scheme: Blue/Black

Lighting Details:

Blue lights on stage throughout

Video Wall: N/A until second verse
Upper video wall displays Tyler and Josh!

Paladin Strait/Bandito

This one's gonna have a LOT so buckle up buttercup

Color Scheme: Red/Yellow

Lighting Details:

Begins with white spotlight on Josh, blue light on his back. Josh at keys station.

Smoke on stage. Logo is blue

When Tyler goes to keys station, is adorned with the same white spotlight and blue light on his back

DEMA background seems to get blurry as verse 2 progresses

LOTS of red light when instrumental section begins, logo slowly fades to red

Yellow lights on Tyler and Josh, still blue on their backs

As Josh sings "Bandito" logo begins to flash yellow at the bottom

Yellow lights towards the crowd during drum island

During drum island, logo is switching between red and blue with yellow overtaking it in either state

Video Wall:

At beginning depicts same visuals from Navigating but black and white. Side screens display Tyler and Josh

When Josh begins playing the drums, flash of light in the sky above DEMA

During instrumental break, sky flashes red

As Josh sings "Bandito" yellow birds start coming from DEMA towers and spreading

Yellow birds continue accumulating until drum island solo begins

As Tyler starts singing again, birds rush to left side and DEMA neon gravestones dissipate. Lightning can be seen on the screens. Birds move to the right side, then move back to the left and leave

To note: Crew uses red lights to set up the stage for Jumpsuit

—————ENCORE—————

Jumpsuit

If you thought there was a lot for Paladin you might wanna take a break here

Color Scheme: Yellow/Green/Res

Lighting Details:

All red lighting up until first verse

For first verse switches to yellow/green lighting

Logo flashes yellow/red throughout song

Lights immediately go red for bridge

The famous red light on Tyler yellow light on Josh during bridge

Video Wall:

INTRO: Displays finale of Paladin Strait MV interlaced with Jumpsuit MV shots

Then shows a map of Trench, starting on DEMA then slowly revealing the rest of the map.

During instrumental break, displays visuals of:

- Various shots from Jumpsuit MV
- A giant vulture's head with yellow eyes
- Shots of Trench map
- "East is up" logo
- "Seizing Keons" graphic
- The Clancy letter we saw in the "I Am Clancy" video that is basically a script for the whole video
- Shot of yellow flower pedals falling from above

Screen flashes very quickly between these visuals

To note: The most-shown visuals are the vulture and shots of Trench from the Jumpsuit MV

Same shots are used during final chorus with 2 additions

1. The eye came back
2. 9 vertical lights displayed in a tilted square formation
3. VERY brief shot of the 9 red lights seemingly with DEMA towers as well (this shot only happens once and is on screen for 2 frames at 30fps)

To Note: During this sequence there's also a shot of what seems to be a black figure moving through a red background. No idea what it could be though

During first verse, displays a shot of Trench then a shot of multiple vultures all with yellow eyes

During bridge before Josh begins playing, Tyler is on the screen and you can see the flower pedals falling

Then, displays graphic of DEMA with birds flying all around in perfect circles

Giant red eye during lead-up to final chorus. Reflected in the eye is something burning red and yellow

Seems like the eye itself is yellow, but the white area around the eye is red

BLURRYFACE YELLOW DOTS

First pattern: First 2 in row 1, all 3 in row 2, 1 and 3 in row 3

Second pattern: Just top right corner and bottom middle

Third pattern: 2 and 3 in row 1, all 3 in row 2, 1 and 3 in row 3

Fourth pattern: Just top left and bottom middle

Then, all 9 are lit up yellow but there's a line going through the last 2 in rows 2 and 3.

Line is vertical and on the right side of the dots

Cryo/Pyro: BIG cryo and pyro hits during choruses

Consistent lower fire throughout most of song

Midwest Indigo

Color Scheme: Blue

Lighting Details:

Begins with blue spotlight on Josh as Tyler takes off the Jumpsuit jacket. White spotlight on Tyler during this

Some yellow strobe lights

Video Wall:

Displays shots from the MV during intro

Displays cracked ice visual with Jim guitar pick during whole song. Fades to suit the moment

Ice graphic fades from blue to yellow during ending

Fragmented ice visual with blue/yellow background, interlaced with Stressed Out MV clips for transition. BLUE lights on stage

Stressed Out

Color Scheme: Red/Black/White

Lighting Details:

Begins with lots of red light, red spotlights on Tyler and Josh

Once verse starts, Tyler's spotlight changes to white. Josh's remains red

Red lights return during "My name's Blurryface"

White lights for Tyler and Josh when they sing the first chorus together

Video Wall: N/A until end of first chorus

Displays the skeleton carousel

Carousel stops moving as soon as bridge begins. Begins moving again halfway through bridge

During lead-up to cool outro, carousel begins spinning backwards and the eyes of the skeletons glow red

During cool new outro, keeps spinning and increases speed. Eyes stay glowing red.

Money is added

Cryo/Pyro: LOTS of big hits during outro

Trees

Color Scheme: Blue/Green

Lighting Details:

Blue/green flashing lights during choruses, green lasers during verses

Blue lights and red logo for finale

Video Wall:

Displays a massive tree with vultures on the branches with fire behind the tree

Second verse begins, tree is on fire, vultures are unbothered

A giant semi-circle and some other lines are added to the background before the second drop

During second drop, screen flashes between tree graphic, a single vulture, Tyler and Josh in the crowd

Final graphic shows the tree on fire but the vultures are gone. During finale starts fading to red/yellow. I interpret this as the fire completely taking over