



Newsletter

Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Mexico

November 2016

Fort Smith Convention Center Honored with *ConventionSouth* Annual Readers' Choice Award



The Fort Smith Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is proud to announce that the publishers and editors of *ConventionSouth* – the national multimedia resource for planning events in the South – have presented the CVB and Fort Smith Convention Center with a 2016 Readers' Choice Award.

“*ConventionSouth* readers and fans have voted to decide the best meeting sites in the South, and it is no surprise to us that Fort Smith Convention Center has been selected to receive our annual Readers' Choice Award,” said *ConventionSouth* Publisher J. Talty O'Connor. “The value in receiving this prestigious recognition is that it comes from the United States' top meeting professionals who hold events in the South. These planners demand the highest level of customer service and quality facilities, and they have contributed in determining that Fort Smith Convention Center indeed displays the commitment to professionalism, creativity and service that they require.”

Potential recipients included any and all nominated convention and visitors bureaus (CVBs), meeting facilities and hotels located across the entire United States South. The Fort Smith Convention Center is one of just 8 Arkansas recipients.

This is the first time that the Fort Smith Convention Center has received the award since it was created in 2001, making this an even greater honor. It also serves as a positive indicator of the continued growth and success of Fort Smith's tourism and hospitality industry.

The Fort Smith Convention Center will be featured as an award recipient in the December 2016 Awards Issue of *ConventionSouth* magazine. This issue will also showcase peer advice and trade secrets in the, “Meeting Professionals to Watch in 2016,” designation, making it one of the most popular *ConventionSouth* issues of the year and one of the most valuable resources within the meetings industry.

Schuler Shook Project Receives IES Award of Merit

The Illuminating Engineering Society bestowed an Illuminating Design Award of Merit on the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Academic Performing Arts Complex, in Edinburg, Texas. Schuler Shook's Dallas office provided the architectural lighting design services for the project.



University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Academic Performing Arts Complex, Edinburg, Texas

IES Award of Merit. Lighting Design Team: Jefferey Knox, IES. From the building's façade to the multiple lobbies to the theatre itself, the lighting schemes add a sense of excitement and sophistication to this new campus building. The university was formerly known as University of Texas Pan American.

IAEE Bob Dallmeyer Educator of the Year Award Goes To....

The International Association of Exhibitors and Events proudly announces this year's recipient of the Bob Dallmeyer Educator of the Year Award. This award honors IAEE members who possess outstanding creativity, a positive attitude and the ability to transfer knowledge through good communication skills and innovative teaching to promote lifelong learning to exhibitions and events industry professionals. This year's recipient is **Al Lomas**, CMP, CMM, CFE, CEM with Certified Consulting Service. Link the complete IAEE article: <http://www.iaee.com/news/iaee-announces-2016-individual-award-winners/>

Richardson Performance Hall Suffers Severe Flood Damage



The Richardson Performance Hall at Del Mar College was damaged from severe flooding. We received 14 inches of rain in 45 minutes which backed up the storm drains and parking lots leaving the water nowhere to go but inside the auditorium. During the clean-up over 200,000.00 gallons of water was pumped out of the building.

This has caused us to close the facility for eight months to a year as we phase the storm repairs;

- Excavation to trap, contain and remove future water events.
- Interior finish repairs
- Audio visual repairs

We hope to re-open our facility sometime this spring but have not set a definite date at this time. (Although our optimistic news reporting crew reported January!)

News report link: <http://www.kztv10.com/story/32917216/richardson-performance-hall-restoration-project-underway>

Berry Center Halloween Party



The Berry Center staff celebrated together at its 5th annual Halloween party on October 31st. The party featured pumpkin shaped pizzas, a costume contest and games! This year 8 staff entered the chubby pumpkin contest (3 of them actually fit 23 pumpkin shaped Peeps into their mouth and could still *sort* of say "Chubby Pumpkin" into the microphone) and our a team building game eating donuts suspended from string tied to convention booth pipes.

Like all of us, the fall has been very demanding with fast change overs and long hours. This party is a great way for all to show off their creativity with costumes and laugh so much our sides and cheeks hurt by the end of the day!

Colorful Array of Events at Cox Business Center



NUVO Dance Convention, returned to Tulsa and Cox Business Center, October 14 – 16. Entering its tenth year, NUVO Dance Convention brings a talented faculty and a convention that has been created with dancers in mind. Classes featured all styles of dance, including Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, Lyrical, Hip-Hop, Musical Theatre, Jazz Funk, Tap & more! NUVO Dance Convention brought in more than 1800 people to Cox Business Center.

(Continued, Page 3...)



Celebrating a love of comic books and pop culture, Wizard World Tulsa Comic Con, returned to Cox Business Center, October 21 - 23. Wizard World is the country's largest pop-culture touring expo. The weekend was filled with celebrities from favorite movies, television shows and games as well as art, shopping, comic books, collectibles, cosplay, video games, and more. Special panels allowed attendees to participate in question and answer sessions with casts members of favorite shows and movies. 2016 Wizard World Tulsa Comic Con scheduled a wide variety of celebrities including Sebastian Stan from the Captain America series, Ian Somerhalder from The Vampire Diaries, William Shatner from Star Trek, Kimberly J. Brown from Halloweentown, Josh McDermitt, Michael Rooker, and Michael Cudlitz from The Walking Dead, as well as Henry Winkler from Happy Days, James Marsters from Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and Lou Ferrigno who was the original Hulk! More than 14,000 people attended the three-day event.



Tulsa Run Expo was held at Cox Business Center, October, 27 – 28. More than 3000 runners received race packets for the 39th Annual Tulsa Run, which include timing chip, shirt, and other crucial information. Since 1978, thousands of runners have convened in Downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma for Tulsa's most iconic footrace, the Tulsa Federal Credit Union Tulsa Run.



On October 27 the Sooner Tulsa Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation hosted the 6th Annual Corks & Kegs at Cox Business Center. This Halloween-themed event is promoted as Tulsa's premier wine and beer tasting gala. Over 250 guests enjoyed beers and wines from around the world paired with some of Tulsa's finest restaurants. The evening included live music by Banana Seat, an extensive silent and super silent auction, and a live auction with one-of-a-kind items.



October 28, brought The Associated Builders and Contractors of Oklahoma Excellence in Construction Awards to Cox Business Center. Designed to recognize and publicize outstanding projects built by members of the association, ABC of Oklahoma Award winners are recognized each year at this local awards dinner and celebration. All chapter winners are qualified to enter the ABC National Excellence in Construction awards program where the winning projects are honored at the association's National Awards celebration. More than 550 people were in attendance for this awards celebration!

Cox Business Center Tulsa is looking for an Event Relations Coordinator

The Event Relations Coordinator under the direct supervision of the Event Services Manager provides a variety of administrative and operational support to designated personnel and/or departments. Acts as liaison between the facility and clients, ensuring all clients' requirements are met and facility rules, regulations and policies are adhered to. The Event Relations Coordinator will perform various duties in connection with scheduled events including customer contact, coordination and distribution of information within the facility, and client follow-up. Duties will vary depending on the event. The complete job description and the job application can be found at <http://bokcenter.com/employment/> and <http://www.coxcentertulsa.com/careers/>

Curtis Culwell Center Activity

The CCC played host to the retirement event honoring Homer B. Johnson who served the Garland School District for 68 years. People from all generations and locations were in attendance to hear stories and accomplishments of Homer's decades of service.



On October 29th, the arena was filled with girl scouts and derby cars as troops from around the Southwest competed their cars in the Girl Scouts Fast Track Races. Guests witnessed plenty of speed, and some cars built more for...looks.



November brings with it the UIL State Volleyball Tournament to the Curtis Culwell Center. The CCC looks to build on last year's record breaking attendance as finalist from 1A to 6A compete for the championship. This marks the fourth year in a row for the CCC to host the Volleyball State Finals.



Allen Event Center Welcomes New Booking and Events Director

Allen Event Center in Allen, Texas, is pleased to announce the hiring of Kimberly Marriott as its new Booking and Events Director.

A native Texan and graduate of the University of Texas, Marriott brings extensive experience to the Allen Event Center leadership team. In addition to working with the Dallas Stars and Texas Rangers, Marriott recently spent 14 years in AEG Live's Dallas office, working in the booking department and managing special events.

Marriott is quick to point out an additional factor that has contributed to her success in, and passion for, the live entertainment industry.

"My father was a musician, so you could say that music is in my blood," said Marriott. "I can't wait to work together with our team to bring even more concerts and events to this vibrant community."

"Kimberly brings a broad knowledge of the industry as well as a solid background in the North Texas market," said Brian Stovall, Allen Event Center Assistant General Manager. "We are thrilled for her to join our team and look forward to the many successes sure to come."

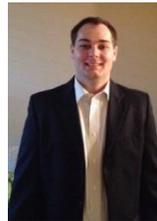
Want to work with Kimberly and be a part of the excitement at Allen Event Center? Allen Event Center is currently accepting applications for the position of Event Coordinator. Visit www.alleneventcenter.com for more details.

In other news, Allen Event Center is proud to welcome back Disney On Ice for eight magical performances of *Dare to Dream* in November. Disney's captivating ice shows have become a holiday tradition for many families across Dallas-Fort Worth, and Allen Event Center is honored to be part of the memories that families will treasure for a lifetime.

Amarillo Civic Center Complex Welcomes New Event Supervisors

Jasmine Shannon joined the Amarillo Civic Center Complex in September as an Event Supervisor. Shannon graduated from West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Design and Technology. Shannon worked as a stage hand at WTAMU while she attended school. She is excited to learn more of the front of the house procedures and to improve her management skills.

Michael Pittman started as an Event Supervisor in October. Pittman graduated from State University of New York at Canton with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Sports Management. Pittman was employed with the Frisco Star Center as Hockey Program Coordinator. With this new position, Pittman hopes to continue developing facility management skills and building lifelong friendships in the process.



BOK CENTER NAMED ARENA OF THE YEAR BY THE INTERNATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT BUYERS ASSOCIATION



BOK Center was named the Arena of the Year by the International Entertainment Buyers Association (IEBA) during the annual Honors and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, October 11 at the CMA Theater inside the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville. This was BOK Center's third year in a row to be nominated for the prestigious industry award that recognizes the top concert arena in the country. The Tulsa venue joined an elite group of nominees that included Barclays Center (Brooklyn, NY), The Forum (Los Angeles, CA), Madison Square Garden (New York, NY), T-Mobile Arena (Las Vegas, NV) and Wells Fargo Center (Philadelphia, PA).

IEBA is one of the leading non-profit trade organizations for live entertainment industry professionals. Founded in 1970 and based in Nashville, IEBA provides networking, showcasing and educational opportunities to strengthen relationships, foster growth and increase revenue for the live entertainment industry.

"To be recognized as Arena of the Year by IEBA is a tremendous honor for BOK Center, its staff and the City of Tulsa," said Doug Thornton, SMG Executive Vice President of Stadiums and Arenas. "Congratulations to Jeff Nickler and his team for all of their hard work to make this possible."

"We are so thankful for the concert promoters and agents who continue to believe in the Tulsa market," added SMG Tulsa General Manager Jeff Nickler. "We have worked hard to bring a compelling line-up of shows to Oklahoma and are fortunate to be in a city that has embraced the venue and fans who continue to purchase tickets in record numbers year after year."

As the venue approaches its eighth birthday, BOK Center continues to maintain its status as one of the world's busiest concert arenas. In the *Pollstar* 2016 Mid-Year Top 200 Arena Venues based on ticket sales, BOK Center ranked #13 in the United States and #36 in the world. BOK Center was also the highest ranked arena in the Continental United States managed by SMG, the Philadelphia-based venue operator that manages over 230 facilities, nearly 70 arenas and over 1.75 million seats worldwide. Already this year, the venue has hosted several blockbuster shows including Madonna, Iron Maiden, Tool, Carrie Underwood, Mumford and Sons, Justin Bieber, James Taylor and Coldplay. Next month, Billy Joel visits Tulsa for one of only six arena shows in 2016 outside of Manhattan.

BOK Center has already announced a stellar line-up for 2017 with much more to come. The Red Hot Chili Peppers will rock BOK Center on January 14, along with Eric Church on February 2, Ariana Grande on February 9, Twenty One Pilots on February 21, Panic at the Disco on April 4 and Tim McGraw and Faith Hill on May 11.

SMG TULSA RECEIVES TWO HALL OF HEADLINES NOMINATIONS

Two SMG Tulsa employees received nominations by *Venues Today* magazine for the Hall of Headlines Awards, the annual awards given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the venue and live entertainment industry in the last 12 months, making headlines along the way. Recipients are nominated and elected by thousands of readers of *Venues Today*, a leading international trade publication that covers the business side of entertainment and sports.

Nominations are divided into five unique categories: News, Bookings, Operations & Technology, Marketing and Concessions. SMG Tulsa garnered two nominations: Jeff Nickler (Bookings) and Meghan Doyle (Marketing).

“We are proud to have SMG Tulsa employees nominated again for the Hall of Headline awards. It has been a blockbuster year at BOK Center and to have our hard work and innovation recognized by our industry peers is incredibly rewarding,” said SMG General Manager Jeff Nickler.

Additional information about each nomination follows:

Jeff Nickler, General Manager- Bookings Category

For developing a new five-day folk music festival that pays homage to Historic Route 66. Tulsa has emerged as one of the nation’s top destinations for live entertainment and Americana music. To build upon this momentum, Nickler developed Mother Road Revival Weekend, a September 7-11 celebration that encompassed live music at five different venues, a folk film series, food trucks, engaging panels with folk musicians and songwriters and a free pop-up concert outside on Historic Route 66. Over 15,000 fans took part in events during the inaugural weekend, highlighted by a ticketed concert at BOK Center featuring Grammy award-winning artist Jason Isbell, along with Shakey Graves and Lucero. The same day, national speakers convened at the award-winning Woody Guthrie Center for a symposium discussing Guthrie and his influence on musical legend Bob Dylan.

Meghan Doyle, Director of Marketing - Marketing Category

For creating the most memorable backstage experience ever for Ariana Grande. In October 2015, BOK Center stunned the pop star and her 85.7-million Instagram followers with a surprise that sparked national media coverage and generated awareness for a very worthy cause. Knowing of Grande’s love for animals, specifically rescue dogs, SMG staff surprised her in the green room with eight adorable puppies from the Animal Rescue Foundation of Tulsa. She fell in love with a Yorkie named Strauss and adopted him on the spot. In addition, her mother and tour DJ also adopted new pets. “This is the most memorable thing a building has ever done for me,” said Grande. She was so moved by the gesture that she paid the \$150 adoption fee for 20 additional dogs to be adopted by fans. Grande’s Instagram posts that evening generated over 1.3 million likes and helped the Tulsa nonprofit grow their social media following by 600%.

Winners will be showcased and caricatured in the *Venues Today* year-end issue in December 2016.

Spectra Venue Management Seeking Las Cruces Convention Center General Manager

Summary: Responsible for overall management, promotion and operation of the facility, including purchasing, booking, marketing, finance, human resources, food and beverage, box office, construction, advertising, security, production, maintenance, parking and related operations by performing the following duties personally or through subordinates.

View and apply for the position here: <https://careers-comcastspectacor.icims.com/jobs/2189/general-manager/job>

City of Fort Collins, Colorado Seeking Lincoln Center Production Coordinator

SUMMARY: The Production Coordinator provides a high level of customer service in all aspects of supporting and executing events for the Technical Services Department of the Lincoln Center Performance Hall.

BASIC FUNCTIONS: The Production Coordinator shall be responsible for specific technical aspects of Performance Hall events, including operating technical systems for events, managing resources, assisting with advancing performance information and plans, training and supervision of the technical staff in successful execution in relevant systems, and documenting and maintaining communications and paperwork with regards to all circumstances involving their specific specialties. (Continued, Page 7...)

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The following duties and responsibilities are illustrative of the primary functions of this position and are not intended to be all inclusive.

- Acts as primary House Technician in areas of specialty and is responsible for event-related operation and maintenance of relevant systems.
- As part of the Technical Services Leadership team, assists in advancing, coordinating, and facilitating technical elements for events and performances. Provides information and guidance and meets with clients as needed to ensure effective event execution.
- Under the direction of the Manager of Theater Operations and in support of the Technical Services Leadership Team, provides operational oversight of Performance Hall Technical Services events and staff in their area of specialty.
- Under the direction of the Manager of Theater Operations assists in hiring and training hourly staff.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: This position is responsible for the supervision of hourly City employee(s).

EDUCATION and EXPERIENCE: Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university plus 3-5 years related experience in a supervisory role in production management, technical theatre and/or venue operations preferred or equivalent combination of education or experience. Overall knowledge and basic skills in theatrical systems, including lighting, sound, video, rigging, carpentry and wardrobe are required.

Salary Range: \$38,404.00 – \$46,085.00

Further details available at <https://fcgov.csod.com/ats/careersite/search.aspx?site=1&c=fcgov>

Questions may be directed to Gina Yowell Cochran, Manager of Theater Operations, at gcochran@fcgov.com

Frank Erwin Center Welcomes Two Musical Powerhouses to Commence Busy Fall Season



Austin's Frank Erwin Center is closing out 2016 with a bang and kicked off a busy November with two nights of Adele on the fourth and fifth and Sia's closing performance of her Nostalgic for the Present Tour with special guests Miguel and AlunaGeorge on the sixth. The Erwin Center welcomed approximately 32,000 guests over the weekend and the two Grammy-award winning artists even showed their support for one another by attending each other's concerts, each receiving rave reviews from local reviewers.

Of Adele, the Austin American-Statesman said, "She was letting us know we're her new best friends. And because, magnificent vocal prowess aside, she's so genuinely personable and downright real, of course we knew it was true."

"No mistake, the show was emblematic of Sia's career as a songwriter and her long-standing anti-fame modus operandi," said the Austin Chronicle of Sia's unique delivery.

The remainder of the year concludes with Amy Schumer LIVE, the Festival of Praise Tour 2016, WWE Monday Night RAW, Dolly Parton's Pure and Simple Tour, Andrea Bocelli in Concert and the Harlem Globetrotters World Tour, along with numerous Texas Longhorns Men's and Women's Basketball games. Nov. 29 will also mark the 39th Anniversary of the Frank Erwin Center.



Brian Stovall, CVP – Region 6 Director
 Assistant General Manager
 Allen Event Center
bstovall@alleneventcenter.com

Kerry Painter – CFE, CEM, CMP – Region 6 Assistant Director
 Assistant General Manager
 Cox Business Center
KPainter@smgtulsa.com

Sherman Bass, CFE – Past Region 6 Director
 General Manager
 Amarillo Civic Center Complex
sherman.bass@amarillo.gov

Kyle Baun – Region 6 Treasurer
 Vice President of Ticket Sales and Event Sales
 Western Stock Show Association
kbaun@nationalwestern.com

Charly Petrek – Region 6 Secretary
 Public Events Coordinator
 Will Rogers Memorial Center
charly.banks@fortworthtexas.gov

Meredith Imes – Region 6 Scholarship Chair
 Assistant Director
 United Supermarkets Arena
meredith.imes@ttu.edu

Tim Seeberg – Region 6 Newsletter Editor/Distribution
 General Manager
 Fort Smith Convention Center
tseeberg@fortsmithar.gov



Thank you to our newsletter contributors this month!

Jinger Belcher – Cox Business Center
 Laura Bennett – Frank Erwin Center
 Rebecca Bolton – Las Cruces Convention Center
 Gina Cochran – Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts
 Meghan Doyle – BOK Center
 Al Lomas – Certified Consulting Service
 Lorna Luebbers – Schuler Shook
 Shaun Meredith – Richardson Performance Hall, Del Mar College
 Brian Nickerson – Allen Event Center
 Han Owens – Amarillo Civic Center Complex
 Tim Seeberg – Fort Smith Convention Center
 Beth Wade – Berry Center
 Kevin Welch – Curtis Culwell Center

Past Region 6 Newsletters: <https://www.iavm.org/regions/region-6-newsletters>