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## **DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER'S DIRECTOR OF EVENTS AMONG IAVM FOUNDATION'S 30 UNDER 30 CLASS OF 2016**

**Tallahassee, FL** – Spectra by Comcast Spectacor, which provides Venue Management and Ticketing & Fan Engagement to the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, on the campus of Florida State University, has one of their own Director of Events, Nick Byer selected by the International Association of Venue Managers Foundation as a member of the 30 under 30 class of 2016.

As part of the Build an Amazing Future campaign focused on students, young professionals, and mid-level venue management, the 30|UNDER|30 program is designed to engage the best and brightest young professionals in the venue management industry by recognizing emerging leaders – and their talents – which help accelerate the industry and carry it into the future.

Byer, a graduate of Bowling Green State University in Ohio, began his career with the Tampa Bay Lightning in 2010 as their Guest Services Manager where he oversaw the front of house operations and was instrumental in developing a World Class Fan Experience. Following three and a half years in that role, he joined Spectra as an Event Manager at the USF Sun Dome in Tampa, Florida and was promoted to Senior Event Manager after just six months. In June of 2015, Nick made the move to Tallahassee after being promoted to the Director of Events at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center.

“This past year, Nick has been an integral part of the Tucker Center team and a key player in the significant improvement of the Event Production Department.” said Spectra’s Ben Weiss, General Manager.

The International Association of Venue Managers Foundation (IAVMF) has also selected two other Spectra by Comcast Spectacor employees among the 2016 recipients for its 30|UNDER|30 program.

They are:

- **Corey Margolis**, *Assistant General Manager, Budweiser Gardens/Spectra by Comcast-Spectacor*
- **Rick Powell**, *Operations Manager, Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall/Spectra by Comcast-Spectacor*

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In its second year, this program focuses on identifying and developing the top talent in the venue management industry, 30 years of age and under, through increased access and exposure to industry networking and thought leadership. The 30|UNDER|30 Class of 2016 will convene for the first time at *VenueConnect*, IAVM’s annual conference and trade show, July 23-26, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They will also be provided opportunities for continued education for professional growth in the venue industry to help them become better, more productive employees.

“At Spectra by Comcast Spectacor we are committed to growing talented leaders like Nick, Corey, and Rick so they can do great things for our clients and their customers,” said Glen Brandeburg, Chief Operating Officer, Spectra Venue Management and Food Services & Hospitality. “I would like to congratulate them on this well-deserved industry recognition and to celebrate their work in making their respective venues so successful every day.”

"IAVM and the IAVM Foundation continues to build an amazing future for young professionals in the venue management industry and the 30|UNDER|30 program continues to help lead those efforts," said Mark Gnatovic, senior vice president of SearchWide and a Foundation Trustee. "The program selection process is not easy and each candidate has to be nominated and then submit a video application that is reviewed and scored by select industry leaders and Trustees. Those that earn the right to be recognized, truly earn the right. It's inspiring and gratifying to see how creative and passionate these young professionals are. It will be fascinating to watch them as they develop into the future leaders of our industry."

Award recipients will receive full complimentary registration to *VenueConnect*, an \$850 travel stipend and a one-year complimentary Young Professional IAVM Membership. In addition to over \$2,000 in benefits, the 30|UNDER|30 recipients will be recognized at the Venue Industry Awards Luncheon at *VenueConnect* on Monday, July 25.

#### **About IAVM**

Representing public assembly venues from around the globe, IAVM's 5,400 active members include managers and senior executives from auditoriums, arenas, convention centers, exhibit halls, stadiums, performing arts centers, university complexes, racetracks, and amphitheaters. IAVM's mission is to educate, advocate for, and inspire public assembly venue professionals worldwide. More information about IAVM is available at [www.IAVM.org](http://www.IAVM.org) or via [@IAVMWHQ](https://twitter.com/IAVMWHQ) on Twitter.

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