

# Kansas City Convention Center 2016 Fall & Winter Update

## ON THE CALENDAR:

Kansas City Area Development Counci Annual Meeting Nov 4th

American Public Transportation Association Conference Nov 4th—Nov 8th

NAIA Champions of Character Foundation Awards Luncheon Nov 7th

Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Dinner UMKC Bloch School of Management Nov 10th

India Nite, India Association of Kansas City Nov 12th

Cerner Corporation Annual Health Care Conference Nov 14th—Nov 17th

The Illusionists Broadway Across America Nov 15th—Nov 20th

Harvest Ball Harvest Ball Society Nov 19th

Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Nov 22nd

Mecum High Performance December Auction Dec 1st—Dec 3rd

### **Employee Spotlight**

Michael Young has been promoted to Deputy Director and will oversee Finance, Sales, Marketing, Facility Services and Event Operations. Previously, Michael held the position as Assistant General Manager at the Convention Center. He also served as General Manager at the Independence Events Center and Centerpoint Community Ice Center. According to Oscar McGaskey Jr., Executive Director, "I am pleased to have Michael on our Senior Management Team. His previous management experience and commitment to exceeding customer expectations were important factors in the decision to appoint him to this position."



### Facility Upgrades & Improvements

LED LIGHTS - Replaced over 900 light fixtures in Exhibit Halls A, B, C, D & E to more efficient LED lighting. The new lights will provide the Exhibit Halls with brighter lights at a fraction of the utilization cost and for longer durations per bulb. The new fixtures turn on to maximize brightness almost instantaneously with very little wait time.

ADA RENOVATION PROJECT - Renovated Lobbies 2100 & 2200 with new entry points to the Convention Center which are now more accessible. The new entry points also offer an inner and outer set of doors with vestibule in between, adding to the climate control to both lobbies.

ADDITONAL IMPROVEMENTS - Replaced roofs in Exhibit Halls A, B, C, D & E and added new carpet in Conference Center meeting rooms and lobby areas.



## Awards & Recognition

The Kansas City Convention Center has been selected for the 2016 Prime Site Award by Facilities & Destinations Magazine for the tenth consecutive year. Facilities & Destinations Prime Site Awards are based on opinions of meeting planners, association executives and trade show managers who produce meetings and conventions in convention centers throughout the United States and Canada. The criteria for the award includes attractiveness and functionality of convention centers, technological capabilities, quality of staff, food and beverage operation, internet access, size and quality of meeting space.

In addition, the Convention Center has maintained an average customer service satisfaction rating of 4.6 with 5 being the highest possible score from post event customer surveys.



## ON THE CALENDAR:

Book of Mormon
Dec 6th-Dec 11th

Kansas City Theatre Pipe Organ Christmas Program Dec 18th

One Thing Conference
Dec 28th—Dec 31st

Mid-America RV Show Jan 12th—Jan 15th

Heart of America Region USA Volleyball Tournament Ian 14th—Ian 16th

Integra Real Estate Conference Jan 17th—Jan 18th

Kansas City Boat & Sportshow Jan19th—Jan 22nd

Kansas City Royals FanFest Jan 27th—Jan 28th

Downtown Council Annual Luncheon Jan 27th

Win for KC Women's Sports Award Celebration Feb 2nd

Phantom of the Opera Feb 8th—Feb 19th

World of Wheels Feb 10th—Feb 12th

Discover the Dinosaurs Feb 18th—Feb 20th

ArtsKC 2017 Luncheon Feb 23rd

#### **New Contracts & Contract Extensions**

- Aramark has been selected for a new one (1) year contract with four (4) option years to provide cleaning and event setup at the Convention Center.
- Ticketmaster was awarded a new two (2) year contract to provide exclusive ticketing services at the Convention Center, Municipal Auditorium and American Royal Center.
- Green Wave Technology is in the first (1st) year of a four (4) year option to provide utility and internet services at the Convention Center, Municipal Auditorium and American Royal Center.

#### Kansas City Broadway Series

Broadway Across America, the exclusive producer of Broadway shows for the Music Hall, has announced the 2016-2017 productions!



The Illusionists—Witness the Impossible Nov 15th—Nov 20th

This mind blowing spectacular showcases the jaw dropping talents of seven of the most incredible illusionists on earth.



The Book of Mormon Dec 6th—Dec 11th

This outrageous musical comedy follows the misadventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word.



The Phantom of the Opera Feb 8th—Feb 19th

Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, the beloved story and thrilling score – with songs like "Music of the Night," "All I Ask Of You," and "Masquerade" – will be performed by a cast and

orchestra of 52, making this PHANTOM one of the largest productions now on tour.

#### Save The Date



The Kansas City Convention Center has partnered with ArtsKC on behalf of local artists to display their art work in the Kansas City Convention Center.

The general public is invited to a reception to view the artwork and meet the featured local artists.

When: Friday, December 2, 2016 from 4 pm—6 pm

Where: Kansas City Convention Center, 301 West 13th Street, KCMO 64105

Lobby 2200 Entrance (13th Street between Broadway and Central)

Parking: Parking available street level and Municipal Auditorium Parking Garage
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