

2024 Annual Conference Schedule Hotel Zoso

150 S Indian Canyon Dr, Palm Springs, CA 92262 May 29-31, 2024

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

8:30 am	Registration / Information Opens Coffee, Tea, and Sponsored by Dandelion Artists	Lower Concourse Level
9:00 – 10:00 am	New Colleagues Session New to the conference? Been a few years? This one's for you! Facilitators: MELANIE WEIR CP Board President and Associate Director of Education & Community Engagement, Luther Burbank Center for the Arts ALLY HAYNES-HAMBLEN CP Board Vice President & Treasurer and Executive Director, Eisemann Center for Performing Arts	Woodstock Ballroom
10:00 – 11:00 am	A. Is your Nonprofit Board Sailing in the Right Direction? Board Member Fiduciary & Governance Responsibilities Speaker: EVE FROMBERG EDELSTEIN, Esq. Board Member, DAP Health, Palm Springs B. Big Brother's Role in Data Analysis: A Reality Check on A.I. Speaker: CAROLINE WU Director of Research, Placer.ai Sponsored by Tessitura	Woodstock Ballroom Palladium
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Breakout Roundtable Discussions Discussions centering on a specific and timely topic A. Topic: Playing Nice in the Sandbox: Navigating Rental Clients, Resident Companies and Co-Pros Facilitator: JEFF THIELKE Executive Director, Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sponsored by Kirschner Creative Artists B. Topic: Responding to Global Conflict Facilitators: CORRINA LESSER Supervisor, Arts & Culture, City of Beverly Hills, JENNA BELL Assistant Director of Programming, Mondavi Center	Woodstock Ballroom Palladium

12:00 – 1:00 pm	Luncheon	The Kitchen Restaurant
		hotel ZOSO Main Lobby

1:15 – 1:25 pm	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Woodstock Ballroom
	MELANIE WEIR CP Board President and Associate Director of Education & Community Engagement, Luther Burbank Center for the Arts JEFFREY BERNSTEIN Mayor of Palm Springs	
	Sponsored by Elsie Management	
1:25 – 2:10 pm	Opening Keynote Address	Woodstock Ballroom
	Speaker: DAVID ZIPPEL Tony Award-Winning Theatre Director, Producer & Lyricist	
	Moderator: CHAD HILLIGUS CP Board Secretary and CEO, Gallo Center for the Arts	
	David Zippel has received a Tony Award, a Drama Desk Award, two Olivier Awards, two Academy Award nominations, three Grammy Award nominations, and three Golden Globe nominations. His songs appear on over 25 million albums performed by Stevie Wonder, Christina Aguilera, Mel	
	Torme, Barbara Cook, Cleo Laine, Michael Bolton, Nancy LaMott, Elaine Paige, 98 Degrees and Barbra Streisand. Musicals: City of Angels, The Goodbye Girl, The Woman In White, Liza's at the Palace, Pamela's First Musical, Bad Cinderella, Disney's Hercules. Films:Disney's Hercules, Mulan, The Swan Princess, The Wedding Planner, Captain America. Stage Direction: Princesses (5th Avenue, Goodspeed), The Goodbye Girl (Marriott Lincolnshire), The Best Is Yet To Come (Rubicon, 59E59 Theaters).	
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Artist Information Exchange (AIE) Panel & Discussion – DANCE	Woodstock Ballroom
	Moderator: CHARLES SANTOS Executive Director/Artistic Director at TITAS/DANCE UNBOUND Panelist: DAWN ROBINSON-PATRICK Senior Manager of Programs, Gloria	
	Molina Grand Park Panelist: MICHAEL NICKERSON-ROSSI Nickerson-Rossi Dance, Palm Springs	
	Sponsored by Cathy Pruzan Artist Representative	
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Break - Sponsored by Patron Manager	Lower-Level Concourse
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Artist Information Exchange (AIE) Panel & Discussion – CLASSICAL MUSIC	Woodstock Ballroom
	Moderator: GRACE SMITH The Conrad, La Jolla Music Society	
	Panelist: ALBERT MONTAÑEZ-SÁNCHEZ Stanford Live	
	Panelist: BYRON AU YONG Associate Professor MFA and BA, Director of Arts Leadership Programs, Seattle University	
	Panelist: MOLLY CLARK Director, Cal Poly Arts	
	Sponsored by Opus3 Artists	

4:30 – 5:30 pm	Breakout Affinity Groups Casual gatherings meant to foster connections among attendees with similar interests	
	A. Topic: Development Professionals Facilitator: NIKI CHOPRA RICHARDSON Associate Director, TOArts, Bank of America Performing Arts Center, Thousand Oaks	Woodstock Ballroom
	B. Topic: Outdoor Venue & Festival Programming Professionals Facilitator: CAROLINE NEYMAN Senior Director of Operations, Green Music Center, Sonoma State University	Palladium
4:30 – 5:30 pm	Leadership Program Orientation (by invitation only)	Apollo Boardroom
	Facilitators: CHAD HILLIGUS CP Board Secretary and CEO, Gallo Center for the Arts ALLY HAYNES-HAMBLEN CP Board Vice President & Treasurer and Executive Director, Eisemann Center for Performing Arts	
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Reception Drag Queen Bingo at Hunter's Nightclub – 302 E. Arena Road, Palm Springs, 92262 Conference attendees will receive two complimentary drink tickets	Hunter's Nightclub

Thursday, May 30, 2024

8:00 am	Registration / Information Opens Coffee, Tea, and	Lower Concourse Level
8:00 – 9:00 am	Free Consultations with TYLER RAND, Advisory Board for the Arts (must sign-up at Registration Table by end of day on Wednesday)	Apollo Boardroom
9:00 – 10:00 am	Breakout Affinity Groups Casual gatherings meant to foster connections among attendees with similar interests	
	A. Topic: Arts Education & Youth Programming Professionals Facilitator: CORTNEY HURST Director of Arts Education, Gallo Center for the Arts Sponsored by The Brad Simon Organization	Woodstock Ballroom
	B. Topic: Marketing & Patron Services Professionals Facilitator: BRITTANY GASH Director of Marketing and Communications, BroadStage	Palladium

Breakout Roundtable Discussions	
Discussions centering on a specific and timely topic	
A. Topic: Patron Safety and Security Plans Facilitator: JONATHAN MEZA Cultural Affairs Manager, Las Vegas	Woodstock Ballroom
B. Topic: Developing a Dance Audience Facilitator: ROB BAILIS Artistic and Executive Director, BroadStage	Palladium
Professional Development Breakout Sessions	
A. Driving Attendance Post-Pandemic Marketing Practices That Accelerate Audience Growth Speaker: TYLER RAND Managing Director, Advisory Board for the Arts	Woodstock Ballroom
B. Arts as a Vehicle for Community and Social Change Speaker: KAREN MACK CEO, LA Commons	Palladium
Sponsored by Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation	
Annual Business Meeting & Leadership Program Graduation	Woodstock Ballroom
Luncheon Kaiser Grille – 205 S. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs 92262 Walk to restaurant and take any open seat for plated 3-course lunch service	Kaiser Grille
Sponsored by AudienceView Ticketing	
Artist Information Exchange (AIE) Panel & Discussion – ROOTS, JAZZ & BLUES	Woodstock Ballroom
Moderator: ERIC BLOOM BroadStage	
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Sponsored by TOArts	
BREAK Sponsored by The California State Universities: Cal Poly Arts, Carpenter Center, The Soraya, Chico Performances	Lower Concourse Level
Artist Information Exchange (AIE) Panel & Discussion – COMMERCIAL ARTISTS	Woodstock Ballroom
Moderator: JONATHAN SERRET Bank of America Performing Arts Center, Thousand Oaks Panelist: MIKE GOLDSMITH VP for Booking & Event Programming, Nederlander Concerts	
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4:45 – 5:45 pm	Artist Information Exchange (AIE) Panel & Discussion – CABARET, THEATRE, & PERFORMANCES FOR INTIMATE SPACES	Woodstock Ballroom
	Co-Moderators: TIINA MITTLER Director, The Haugh Performing Arts Center MARIE-REINE VELEZ Assistant Director, USC Visions & Voices Panelist: MANUEL (Manny) PRIETO Executive Director. Boston Court Pasadena	
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Reception Fillmore Ballroom is located just off of the 2 nd Floor Mezzanine of the hotel Conference attendees will receive one complimentary drink ticket Spansored by Marian Liebowitz Artist Management	Fillmore Ballroom (Hotel Zoso 2 nd Floor)
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6:00 – 10:00 pm	Recommended Non-Conference Activity: Palm Springs Village Fest https://villagefest.org/	Palm Canyon Drive & Tahquitz Canyon Way

Friday, May 31, 2024

8:00 am	Registration / Information Opens Coffee, Tea, and	Lower Concourse Level
8:00 – 9:00 am	Free Consultations with ROBYN GUILLIAMS, GG Arts Law (must sign-up at Registration Table by end of day on Thursday)	Apollo Boardroom
9:00 – 10:00 am	Professional Development Breakout Sessions	
	A. Death & Taxesand Contracts Everything you didn't know you needed to know about tax law Speaker: ROBYN GUILLIAMS GG Arts Law	Woodstock Ballroom
	B. Intergenerational Leadership Revisited Speaker: EMIKO ONO Program Director, Performing Arts, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	Palladium Room
10:00 – 11:00 am	Artist Information Exchange (AIE) Panel & Discussion – SPEAKERS AND PODCASTS	Woodstock Ballroom
	Co-Moderators: MARIE-REINE VELEZ Assistant Director, USC Visions & Voices CORRINA LESSER Arts & Culture Supervisor, City of Beverly Hills Panelist: LAUREN PACHECO Co-Creative Director, Chicago Humanities Festival	

11:00 – 12:00 pm	Artist Information Exchange (AIE) Panel & Discussion – GLOBAL MUSIC Moderator: JUSTIN SOUZA Director of Programming, Younes & Soraya Nazarian Center for the Performing Arts, Cal State Northridge	Woodstock Ballroom
	Panelist: JENNIFER SARKISSIAN General Manager at Green Lane Entertainment/Nacional Records	
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Closing Keynote Address	Woodstock Ballroom
	Speaker: DANIELLE BRAZELL Executive Director, California Arts Council	
	National arts and cultural leader Danielle Brazell is passionate about the roles that arts, culture, and creativity play in advancing civic belonging, equity, economic prosperity, and social connectedness. She was appointed Executive	
	Director of the California Arts Council in December 2023 after serving as the General Manager for the City of Los Angeles Office of Cultural Affairs since 2014.	
	Sponsored by UCSB Arts and Letters	
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Drawing (must be present to win)	Woodstock Ballroom
	MELANIE WEIR CP Board President and Associate Director of Education & Community Engagement, Luther Burbank Center for the Arts	