OAK VIEW GROUP ANNOUNCES WINNERS FOR THIRD ANNUAL OVG ARENA ALLIANCE AWARDS

Awards Recognize Outstanding Leadership, Booking, Event Management, Marketing and Venue Hospitality Across North America's Leading Arenas

NEW YORK, NY (October 20, 2026) — Oak View Group (OVG), today announced the winners for the third annual OVG Arena Alliance Awards**,** recognizing the exceptional people and venues whose leadership, creativity and dedication help deliver extraordinary experiences for artists, touring professionals, fans and communities.

The winners will be celebrated during the OVG Arena Alliance Summit at the Welcome Dinner on Tuesday, October 27, in New York City**.** The 2026 Summit marks the 10-year anniversary of the OVG Arena Alliance and brings together leaders from across the Alliance for three days focused on collaboration, innovation and the future of the live entertainment industry.

"The Arena Alliance is built on collaboration and a shared commitment to raising the standard for the live entertainment experience," said Amy Latimer, Chief Business Officer, Oak View Group. "These winners represent some of the very best work happening across our venues, and we're excited to recognize the people and teams who go above and beyond every day for artists, crews, fans and their communities."

To determine winners, OVG assembled a voting body of more than 160 touring professionals**,** representing promoters, tour managers, production companies and other members of the touring community. The voting group brings firsthand experience of the venues and professionals nominated and the work that goes into creating successful touring experiences.

The 2026 winners recognized across the following categories are:

VENUE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR
Recognizing outstanding venue leadership, operational expertise, event production, team leadership and financial performance.

Amanda Mann
EVP, Chief Facilities Officer, State Farm Arena

VENUE BOOKER OF THE YEAR
Recognizing excellence in arena, theater and stadium-level booking, including relationship building, organization, negotiation and creative thinking.

Kate Dordick
Senior Vice President, Booking, Fiserv Forum

EVENT MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Recognizing professionals who consistently execute complex events and serve as ambassadors for their venues, teams and cities through adaptability, preparation and attention to detail.

Joel Taylor
Event Manager, Bridgestone Arena and Nashville Predators

MARKETING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR
Recognizing marketing leaders who demonstrate creativity, innovation and expertise across media and fan engagement while driving ticket sales and creating memorable fan experiences.

Matt Saril
Director, Entertainment Marketing, Prudential Center/HBSE

BEST VENUE HOSPITALITY
Recognizing the venue delivering an exceptional backstage experience through innovative culinary offerings, artist and crew gifting, thoughtful back-of-house activations, and a commitment to friendliness, responsiveness and accommodation.

Moody Center
Austin, Texas

Now in its third year, the OVG Arena Alliance Awards are part of a broader commitment to recognizing the people and venues that continually raise the bar across the live entertainment industry. The 2026 awards will be presented as the Arena Alliance celebrates its 10th anniversary and looks toward the next decade of innovation, collaboration and growth.

For more information about the OVG Arena Alliance Summit, visit oakviewgroup.com/alliancesummit.

For photos and headshots of the winners click here.

About the OVG Arena Alliance
OVG established the Arena Alliance to unite the top arenas in North America, creating shared opportunities for growth, innovation and live event excellence. Through collaborative partnerships, the Arena Alliance drives national touring opportunities, elevates guest experiences, strengthens operational performance and maximizes sponsorship and revenue potential.

About Oak View Group:
Oak View Group (OVG) is the global leader in premium live entertainment infrastructure and services, with a platform spanning venue development and end-to-end capabilities across venue management, hospitality, and sponsorship sales. Founded in 2015, the Company serves a collection of seven world-class owned venues and a client roster of the most iconic arenas, stadiums, convention centers, music festivals, performing arts centers, and cultural institutions, spanning four continents. Visit OakViewGroup.com, and follow OVG on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X.

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