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Jim Wynkoop **Executive Director – RiverCenter and Adler Theatre**

James “Jim” Wynkoop, CVE, is the Executive Director of the RiverCenter and Adler Theatre in Davenport, Iowa. A Certified Venue Executive with more than 30 years of progressive venue management experience, Jim brings a comprehensive background in arena, theatre, stadium, convention, collegiate athletic, and recreational facility operations. His expertise spans booking and programming, budget development and management, staff development, client relations, contract negotiation, event logistics, facility operations, capital planning, labor relations, and long-term venue stewardship.

Before joining VenuWorks, Jim held senior leadership roles with OVG Venue Management and Spectra Venue Management, where he supported a wide range of public assembly facilities across the country. Most recently, he served as Transition Director for OVG Venue Management, providing interim leadership and operational support for venues during periods of onboarding, leadership transition, and startup activity. His work included extended assignments at the Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center in Mobile, Alabama, and David Booth Kansas Memorial Stadium in Lawrence, Kansas, as well as support engagements in Enid, Oklahoma, and Palm Springs, California.

Jim also served as General Manager for the University of Houston, where he coordinated operations across an athletics campus that included six competition venues and two training and development facilities. In that role, he supported nine on-campus sports programs, outside events, rentals, maintenance, housekeeping, conversions, capital and maintenance projects, vendor systems, event settlements, and monthly financial reporting.

His career includes leadership at several major venues, including Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, where he managed booking and scheduling for an arena and 3,000-seat theatre, oversaw contracts and settlements, worked closely with the client authority, and supervised large teams of managers, tradespeople, part-time staff, and contracted service crews. He also served as General Manager of Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis, a 10,600-seat venue hosting concerts, family shows, university events, and Saint Louis University athletics. There, he managed booking, scheduling, event agreements, settlements, budgeting, forecasting, financial reporting, and day-to-day operations, while guiding the venue to revenue-positive performance.

Earlier in his career, Jim held operations and leadership roles at Wasco Center in Miami, Whittemore Center Arena in New Hampshire, Colonial Life Arena in South Carolina, Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in New York, and recreational facilities in Peoria, Arizona, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His experience includes opening and supporting new facilities, hiring and training

operations teams, implementing ticketing systems, managing promoter and client requirements, negotiating labor needs, and coordinating complex event logistics.

At the RiverCenter and Adler Theatre, Jim will lead two of Davenport's most important cultural, civic, and economic assets. His priorities include expanding regional and national bookings, developing locally produced programming, strengthening financial performance, enhancing the guest and client experience, and ensuring responsible long-term stewardship of both facilities. He will also focus on cultivating relationships with promoters, meeting planners, community organizations, Visit Quad Cities, local businesses, and regional partners to attract new activity and further position the venues as leading destinations within the Midwest.

Jim has been a professional member of the International Association of Venue Managers for 30 years and has served in numerous industry leadership roles, including Chair of the IAVM Foundation Board of Trustees, Chair of the IAVM Universities Committee, member of the IAVM Board of Directors for the Universities Sector/Foundation, and service on the Arenas Committee, Leadership Development Committee, and Mentor/Connector Program. He earned the Certified Venue Executive designation in 2016 and is a graduate of IAVM Venue Management School.

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