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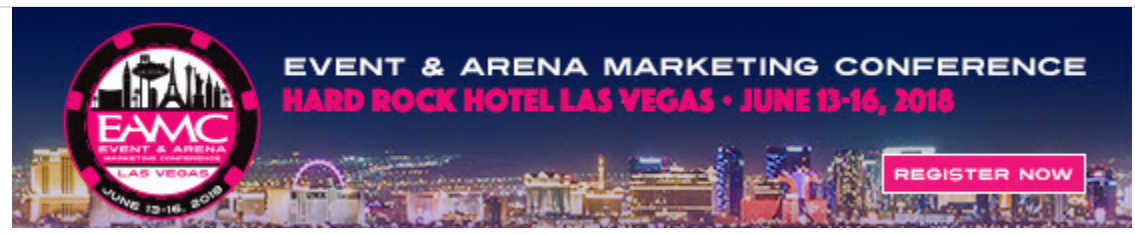
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Greetings Samantha,
You'll pardon the extra helping of Ed Sheeran news this time around, but the young man is on a bit of a roll, putting up historic numbers for his run through Australia and New Zealand. But also note the quote from Michael Gudinski of promoter Frontier Touring on the excitement of developing young artists' careers. Not every workplace has an Ed Sheeran trying to climb the ladder, but most have young people looking to get better and contribute whatever they can to the cause. For those in the position to do so, take a look around and make sure you find those people. Be a mentor, or just offer a little advice and encouragement, but take an interest. It may not pay off in Sheeran-esque numbers, but it probably will pay off, for both of you.



Nearly 6 feet of snow fell into the inner lobby of the Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena on April 20 when a record snowstorm pounded Green Bay, Wis. (Photo: Terry Charles / PMI Management Group)

Repairs On The Way For Wisconsin Arena

By Noelle Riley

Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena near Green Bay, Wis., is scheduled to be demolished next year, but it still has to function, even after snow crashed through the roof into its lobby April 20.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“One million tickets in this market is an absolute phenomenon and a feat which I don’t think will ever be beaten. It’s inspired the whole company, and he’s completely rejuvenated my desire to get in early and develop artists’ careers.

— *Frontier Touring's managing director, Michael Gudinski, on Ed Sheeran's record-breaking ticket sales during his tour of Australia and New Zealand.*

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The “Fabulous” Forum honored the second anniversary of Prince’s death by lighting up the iconic venue in his trademark color during the sold-out KDAY Krush Groove on April 21.



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Sheeran Sells A Million Tickets

By Christine Eliezer

Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran's Frontier-promoted tour sold over a million tickets for 18 Australian and New Zealand shows, making it the biggest-selling tour Down Under and breaking Dire Straits' 32-year-old record of 950,000 tickets for its "Brothers in Arms" tour.

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By Brad Weissberg



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Holes In Their Levi's

By Don Muret

Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif., in conjunction with promoter Stadiumlinks, will again transform into a nine-hole course, allowing golf enthusiasts to hack

VenuesNow spoke with Tom Cantone of Mohegan Sun Arena, which not long ago welcomed its 11 millionth visitor. With big names like Justin Timberlake and U2 scheduled to play this year, Cantone said the milestone is just the beginning for the 19-year-old Connecticut facility.

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Three For The Show

By Don Muret

G2 Structures, based in Nashville, Tenn., supplies stage products for stadium concerts that stand 70 feet tall and 80 feet wide, with side “wings” that can extend the stage an additional 40 feet to each side. *VenuesNow* spoke with the co-owners.

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away at the home of Super Bowl 50.

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His Mission: Mission Ballroom

By Deborah Speer

Chuck Morris, CEO of AEG Presents Rocky Mountains and Pacific Northwest, said the recently announced Mission Ballroom in Denver is a next-level venue that would not have been possible without a visionary developer, the perfect piece of real estate, and the efforts of the AEG Presents team.

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No Stopping Sheeran



VOS Coming To Nashville



Legends Names Martin VP

Ed Sheeran brought his ÷ Tour to New Zealand and topped our Hot Tickets 15,000+ chart this week. Three Frontier Touring-promoted shows at Forsyth Barr Stadium, Dunedin, grossed \$8,475,218, with attendance of 105,014, and a ticket range of \$49.09-\$113.11.

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Venue Operations Summit, Nashville, Tenn., Apr. 29 - May 1; Fest Forums, NYC, May 3-4; IAVM Region 4, Spokane, Wash., May 7-9; IAVM, Venue Management School, Oglebay, Wheeling, W.Va., June 6-8.

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Legends has appointed Ben Martin as VP of partnerships for Legends International. Martin worked in partnerships for Amazon Tickets, Manchester United and City Football Group.

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SHORT TAKES

MECU Buys Naming Rights To Pier Six Pavilion

MECU, a Baltimore credit union, is the new naming-rights sponsor of Pier Six Pavilion in Baltimore, operated by Live Nation. The amphitheater, which hosts about 25 concerts a season, will now be known as MECU Pavilion.

LACC Unveils Solar Array Addition

The Los Angeles Convention Center unveiled its 2.21 megawatt solar array on South Hall. With this addition, the facility brings its total solar to 2.58 megawatts, making it the largest solar array on a municipally owned convention center in the United States. The new array is projected to generate 3.4 million kilowatt hours per year, which equates to 17 percent of the LACC's annual energy usage. This amount of electricity produced can power 565 homes in Los Angeles.

IMA Awards To Be Handed Out In Nashville

The music industry's brightest risk takers and creative thinkers will be honored June 3 in Nashville during the second annual Innovation in Music Awards, an event created to recognize achievements in the advancement of music through inspiration and ingenuity.

Abate Leaves Madison Square Garden Co.

Hank Abate, who joined Madison Square Garden as executive vice president of venue operations in 2016, has left the company, *Pollstar* confirmed. Abate directed all operations for MSG's venues, including Madison Square Garden, Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall, the Beacon Theatre, Chicago Theatre and the Forum in Inglewood, Calif. Madison Square Garden Co. is affiliated with Oak View Group, parent company of *Pollstar* and *VenuesNow*.



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