IFEA FOUNDATION BOARD

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DONATE AN AUCTION ITEM. INVEST IN THE FUTURE.

Howdy Friends!

The countdown is on! Before we know it, we'll be gathering in beautiful Tucson, Arizona, October 5–7, for the **71st Annual IFEA Convention & Expo presented by atVenu**, I hope you're making plans to join us for what promises to be an incredible few days of learning, networking, inspiration, and celebrating the amazing work our industry does every day.

As we prepare for Convention, I have one important request: **please support the IFEA Foundation by donating an auction item or an Ultimate Experience!**

Our auctions are among the Foundation's biggest fundraising opportunities, and every donation helps create **life-changing** educational opportunities through scholarships for the next generation of festival and event professionals.

Do you have:

- A unique destination experience?
- VIP tickets or backstage access?
- A weekend getaway?
- A one-of-a-kind event package?
- Sports, entertainment, dining, or travel experiences?
- Specialty merchandise or gift baskets?

If so, we'd love your support! The more exciting and diverse our auction offerings, the more successful our fundraising efforts will be. Every bid placed is an investment in someone's future.

Please remember: September 21 is the deadline to ship auction items to the Boise office. The online auction officially opens on **September 29**, with final bidding concluding at **9:00 p.m. on October 6**. We hope you'll donate, bid often, and help us make this year's auction our most successful yet!

And while we're talking about fun...be sure to mark your calendar for one of the highlights of Convention!

IFEA Foundation Party
Two-Step Under Western Skies
Monday, October 6
7:00 – 10:30 p.m.
The Last Territory at El Conquistador

Dust off your western duds and join us for an unforgettable evening of fun, friends, and fundraising. Break out the denim, cowboy hats, boots, and bandanas as we celebrate together under the Arizona skies while supporting a cause that continues to strengthen our industry.

The Foundation Party is always one of Convention's most memorable evenings, not just because of the entertainment and camaraderie, but because of what it represents. The money raised helps provide scholarships and travel stipends that allow emerging leaders to attend educational programs, develop professionally, and become the future of festivals and events.

Together, we can make this year's fundraising our most successful yet and help open doors for even more future scholarship recipients.

Thank you for your generosity, your enthusiasm, and your continued commitment to the IFEA Foundation. I can't wait to see everyone in Tucson as we celebrate, connect, and invest in tomorrow's industry leaders!

See you under the western skies!

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