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New Chair Announced for South Bank Venues



Nicola Pottage has been appointed as the new Chair of the South Bank Venues Group following elections in February 2016. She will take up the role in April 2016, for two years, succeeding Charley Taylor-Smith, Head of Hospitality Events and Commercial Business Development at National Theatre, who has been Chair since 2013.

Nicola started her career in events in 2004 working for Intercontinental Hotels followed by a move to English Heritage in 2006, where she ran commercial events at Eltham Palace and Rangers House.

Nicola then spent nine months travelling the world, visiting South East Asia, Australia, Fiji and New Zealand. St Martins-in-the-Fields Church, was Nicola's next place of work, post-travels in 2009, where she worked closely with charities, government members and not for profit organisations.

In 2011, Nicola joined her current company, the Concerto Group, starting as an Event Manager at Delfina before being promoted to Venue Manager at OXO2, where she is today. As part of her current role, she is in charge of planning and delivering events in OXO2's hire space (2014 Event Award winner of Best 'under 400 capacity' Venue in London).

Announcing the appointment, Claudio Giambone, Head of Marketing for South Bank Venues / South Bank Marketing Group, said: "I am very pleased to announce that the Group has appointed Nicola Pottage as the new Chair of SBV. Nicola's enthusiasm and passion to showcase our venues in South Bank, combined with her considerable experience as a successful event organiser, make her the ideal candidate to lead the Group in the implementation of its expansion plans and new strategies."

Nicola Pottage said: "I am incredibly proud and excited to be nominated as the new Chair of South Bank Venues Group. We have a fantastically diverse and unique range of venues on the South Bank, meeting all requirements for event spaces, and each with their own special offering. I look forward to meeting with all the members and event buyers, and working with South Bank Employers Group to raise awareness of the venues, whilst also providing a platform for the venues to share ideas. I would like to thank Charley Taylor-Smith, for her hard work and dedication to the group over the past two years, and wish her luck in her next endeavours."

Nicola Pottage takes the lead position at South Bank Venues as the Group embarks on a new strategy aimed at further establishing its reputation as a collective representing some of the most unique and iconic venues in London, including the Coca-Cola London Eye, BFI IMAX, Southbank Centre and National Theatre.

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