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OAK VIEW GROUP EXPANDS TEAM FOR MOODY CENTER, AUSTIN'S NEW \$338 MILLION SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ARENA

NICOLE RAYMOND, MOODY CENTER DIRECTOR OF TICKETING

AUSTIN, Texas, February 22, 2021 – [Oak View Group](#) (OVG), the global venue development, advisory, and investment company for the sports and live entertainment industries, announced the expansion of its team for Moody Center, a new \$338 million, state-of-the-art, privately-funded arena in Austin, Texas.

Joining OVG is **Nicole Raymond** as director of ticketing. Raymond will assume her new role immediately and will report to Jeff Nickler, senior vice president of OVG Austin and Moody Center general manager, and Casey Sparks, vice president of OVG Austin and Moody Center assistant general manager.

Sparks states, "We are excited to have such a seasoned leader join our team. Nicole comes to us with an expansive amount of experience in the ticketing space having worked for our venue partner, Live Nation/ C3 Presents, along with other major venues around the country. "

Raymond commented “I’m thrilled to be joining the stellar Oak View Group team in Austin. I’m looking forward to helping build an incredible new venue alongside my friends and former colleagues at Live Nation/C3 Presents. Everyone involved in this project is creating something truly unique and authentic to Austin while Moody Center becomes a top destination for fans and visitors alike.”

Scheduled to open in early 2022, the 15,000+ seat world-class arena located on The University of Texas at Austin campus will be built for music and host the best and biggest names in the music industry on an annual basis while providing a state-of-the-art venue for top touring concerts and shows. Moody Center will also be home to Texas men’s and women’s basketball teams, graduations, as well as university, high school, and other events for the Austin community.

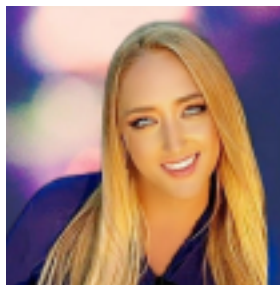
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About Oak View Group (OVG)

Oak View Group (OVG) is a global sports and entertainment company founded by Tim Leiweke and Irving Azoff in 2015. OVG is focused on being a positive disruption to business as usual in the sports and live entertainment industry and currently has eight divisions across four global offices (Los Angeles, New York, London, and Philadelphia). OVG is leading the redevelopment and operations of Climate Pledge Arena in Seattle, WA and UBS Arena in Elmont, NY as well as leading arena development projects in Austin, TX, Manchester, UK, and Milan, Italy. OVG Global Partnerships, a division of OVG, is the sales and marketing arm responsible for selling across all OVG Arena Development projects.

About The Moody Center

Moody Center will provide the nation’s 11th largest city with a premier venue to host the biggest artists and acts on the planet. Designed specifically for concerts, the new arena will replace the 42-year-old Frank C. Erwin Jr. Center at The University of Texas and will be the home to the University of Texas women’s and men’s basketball games as well as other sports and community events. The Moody Center is privately funded Oak View Group, Live Nation/C3 Presents, University of Texas, and Matthew McConaughey and is set to open April 2022.



Nicole Raymond