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IU AUDITORIUM'S KATIE SPOHR SELECTED FOR THE EMERGING LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE BY THE ASSOCIATION OF PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTERS

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – APAP Emerging Leadership Institute announced its 2017 class of participants, which includes Katie Spohr, Special Events and Booking Manager at IU Auditorium. Emerging Leadership Institute (ELI) is an intensive two and a half-day seminar that develops critical leadership skills for emerging performing arts professionals. Each year, a new cohort is invited to participate in ELI and attend APAP|NYC—the Association of Performing Arts Presenters' annual members' conference held in New York City every January—and are provided a rare opportunity for each participant to reflect on and develop their ideas about leadership and their own career.

Approximately 25 participants are selected each year from a wide pool of applicants and are comprised of those who work directly in the presenting and touring field which includes, but is not limited to, performing artists, presenters, managers, agents, producers, and professionals who work for arts councils or service organizations. ELI is an opportunity to engage in new professional relationships, exchange ideas, and become part of an expanding network of over 400 ELI alumni.

"Year after year I am inspired by artists, managers and cultural workers who are building careers in our field. My role is to co-facilitate dialogue, introduce mechanisms for action and ignite strong relationships development among the expanding ELI alumni network," says, Rosalba Rolon, long-time co-facilitator of the ELI program. "What makes the ELI effective is that participants are sharing their experiences among similar-minded individuals and expanding their individual perspectives to provide strategies that may ultimately permeate their organizations."



Katie Spohr
Special Events and Booking Manager

Katie Spohr is a graduate of Indiana University and holds a Master's Degree in Arts Administrations from the School of Public and Environmental affairs. An employee with IU Auditorium since September 2012, Ms. Spohr has been the Special Events and Booking Manager since October of 2013.

"I'm honored to have been recognized by APAP as an emerging leader in the presenting arts field, and am thrilled to be selected as one of this year's participants," said Katie Spohr. "I am looking forward to learning all that the program has to offer."

About the Association of Performing Arts Presenters (APAP)

The Association of Performing Arts Presenters, based in Washington, D.C., is the national service, advocacy and membership organization dedicated to developing and supporting a robust performing arts presenting field and the professionals who work within it. Our 1,500 national and international members represent leading performing arts centers, municipal and university performance facilities, nonprofit performing arts centers, culturally specific organizations, foreign governments, as well as artist agencies, managers, touring companies, and national consulting practices that serve the field, and a growing roster of self-presenting artists. As a leader in the field, APAP works to effect change through advocacy, professional development, resource sharing and civic engagement. APAP is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization governed by a volunteer board of directors and led by President & CEO Mario Garcia Durham. In addition to presenting the annual APAP|NYC conference - the world's leading forum and marketplace for the performing arts (Jan. 6-10, 2017) - APAP continues to be the industry's leading resource, knowledge and networking destination for the advancement of performing arts presenting.

About APAP|NYC

APAP|NYC is the world's premier gathering of more than 3600 performing arts professionals, and the Association of Performing Arts Presenters 60th annual members' conference, APAP|NYC 2017, in New York City at the New York Hilton Midtown and Sheraton New York Times Square. APAP|NYC features more than 1000 world-class artist showcases held around the city, an EXPO Hall boasting nearly 400 booths, dozens of professional development sessions, A-list keynote speakers, and pre-conference forums, many of which are free and open to the public and members. See more conference information at APAPNYC.org.

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