



## PATRICK LEAHY

### Summary Bio

Leahy is a 25-year entertainment industry veteran with diverse experience in North and South America, Australia, Middle East and the UK as a senior operating, programming, and development executive in the live entertainment business. Patrick's experience includes a variety of industry segments, including: Arts Presenters, Concert Promotion, Hospitality and Tourism, Professional Domestic and International Sport, Retail, Food and Beverage, Real Estate Development & Property Management.

Patrick joined Oak View Group at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center November 1, 2020 as the Director of Booking and elevated to General Manager effective February 1, 2021. Before joining OVG, he was the Vice President of Programming for the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa, Florida. He led a diverse artistic programming and producing effort across 5 theaters, identifying industry trends, expanding the market reach and expand the inclusive stewarding mission to meet the character of the Straz Center and community with financial balance. Patrick spent time in higher education facility management, serving as the General Manager and Principal Consultant for the theater operating company, Professional Facilities Management, working in close collaboration with Florida SouthWestern State College colleagues as he led the operational planning, opening and start-up of the Suncoast Credit Union Arena at FSW. He also served as the Director of Consulting for PFM.

Roles from 1994 to 2005 in the concert venue and music management sectors included COO, Executive VP, Senior VP, Regional VP, National Director of Field Operations and Amphitheatre GM throughout the consolidation of the live concert industry with SFX Entertainment and Clear Channel Entertainment (now Live Nation Entertainment). During this career advancement, Patrick developed a creative approach to expanding business services, increasing fan satisfaction and improving the event experience garnering extensive artist agency relationships and facility operations experience covering over 65 live entertainment venues ranging from clubs and theaters to 38 major amphitheaters in 49 U.S. Markets.

Leahy founded 409 Management & Consulting in 2005, operating for over 10 years, providing Management Consulting, Project Management, Event Development and Management.

Patrick is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts.