

PLAN OBJECTIVES, FY 2017-2018

Objective 1: Maximize citywide and in-house bookings for hotels.

Strategies:

- Continue to market the convenient overflow hotel meeting space surrounding the ACC because group needs are regularly exceeding the facility's capacity
- Encourage citywide clients to book more than three years out due to building availability
- Identify need time periods with wide-open availability at the convention center and hotels; proactively incentivize citywide groups to book.
- Strategize with the pre-opening sales offices of the Fairmont (1,048 rooms, opening Fall 2017) and Marriott (613 rooms, opening late 2019) to drive new and incremental business to the market
- Maximize multi-cultural and diversity convention opportunities

Metrics:

- Booking pace in CRM system
- TAP Report*

*The Trends, Analysis, Projections (TAP) Report, a product of the Strategic Data Resources, is a leading industry resource for measuring booking pace and convention sales performance benchmarks.

+48% increase in RN production over last 5 years

Objective 2: Maximize bookings for the Austin Convention Center.

Strategies:

- Limit move-in and move-out space being held at the convention center. Incentivize clients and work via the general contractors.
- Stack groups on the north and south sides of the building to help build compression.
- Identify high food, beverage and exhibit sales for prime dates in the future.
- Target Sunday arrival mid-week as a priority

Metrics:

- Convention Center Booking Pace
- Compression Report

Objective 3: Maximize post-PCMA Convening Leaders ROI.

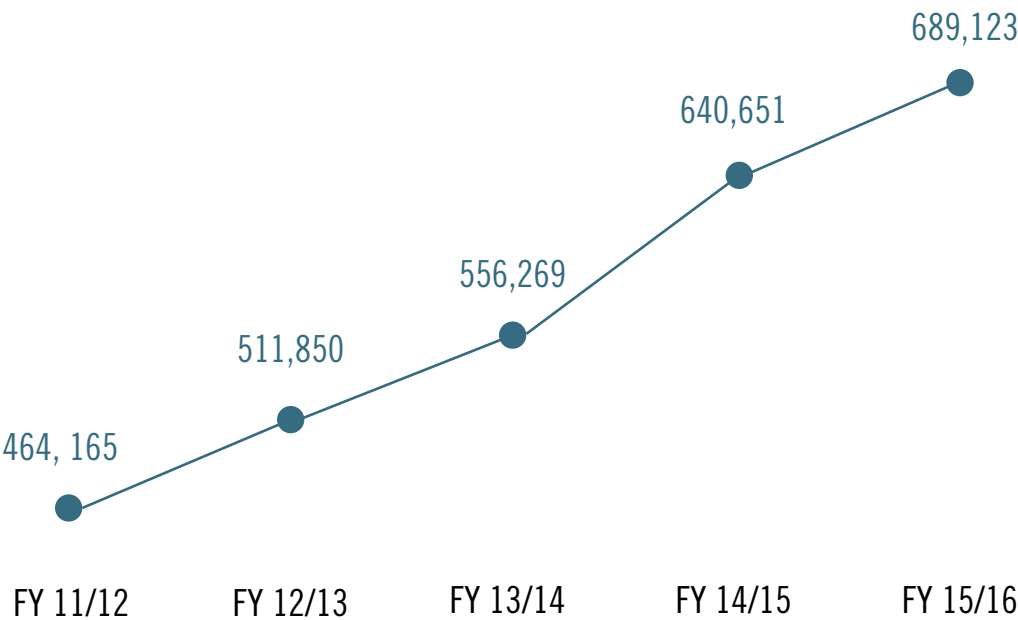
Strategies:

- Continue to push our music incentive to PCMA attendees in sales and marketing efforts.
- Monthly review of the PCMA target hit list, which was established prior to Convening Leaders 2017.
- Quarterly review of leads and bookings in the CRM, as well as hotels that reported bookings that are not via the Visit Austin lead process.

Metrics:

- Visit Austin CRM reports
- Visit Austin Booking Pace
- PCMA Target hit list

Visit Austin TRN Production, FY11/12-FY15/16



“Austin was a great conference location for us. We saw excitement regarding the location leading up to the event and attendance growth onsite. Our attendees had a wonderful time and everyone went out of their way to make sure our event was successful.”

- Jennifer Harman, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors

“Austin appreciated our business and worked hard to ensure that our attendees and staff had the tools we needed to create a true experience. The city is an affordable destination for both the association and attendees for something beyond your average downtown.”

- Sally Ann DeBolt, Association for Middle Level Education

“I was beyond thrilled with all of the product options for hotels in Austin. The city itself is so vibrant - I fell in love! It will only continue to get better and better. What a wonderful destination for a myriad of clients.”

- Kate Campbell, Helms Briscoe, Hyster-Yale Materials Handling

WHAT'S NEXT

- Enhance and elevate customer site visit experience in the city, and at hotels and venues.
- Develop local advisory groups for multicultural, diversity, medical and technology to help “sell Austin” and leverage our local thought leaders and businesses.

- Build upon our highly successful sales missions in Washington D.C., Chicago, Austin, Dallas, the northeast, west coast and southeast and continue to partner with local, iconic Austin brands.



Christine Yang Cramer has been in the hospitality industry for 25 years, 20 of which have been spent in Austin. Christine describes herself as a “data nerd” — she is the Research Director for **Visit Austin** and is also the database administrator, market analyst and resident foodie. She suggests visitors never miss an opportunity to try well-known favorites like Uchi and Franklin Barbecue, but also recommends exploring hidden gems, such as the Harry Ransom Center (HRC) at the University of Texas.



Phillip Marburger, the Director of Golf at **Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa**, came to Austin in 1988 to attend the University of Texas. He has been in Austin for 29 years and in the hospitality industry for 28 of those years. What he loves most about his job are the amazing people he gets to work for and with every day. Phillip credits his relationships that he's formed through the years that have impacted him the most.

AUSTIN SPORTS COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT GOALS, FY 2017-2018**

GOALS	ANNUAL GOALS 16-17	RESULTS TO DATE 17-18*
Room Nights	117,000	44,558
Event Leads Sent	82	28
Site Visits	12	8
Media Coverage/Press Communications***		
Significant Placements***		

*Oct. 2016-Mar. 2017 **Goals will be established by Oct 1, 2017. ***See Marketing section for coverage

PLAN OBJECTIVES, FY 2017-2018

Objective 1: Continue to play a role in helping build a new sports venue in the Austin marketplace.

Strategies:

- Lead the way in aiding due diligence with multiple leading sports facilities owners/operators to identify best solution for sports complex.
- Work with COTA on best utilization of land on, and adjacent to facility for construction of new facility.
- Identify programming opportunities for sports venue.

Metrics:

- Launch construction of said sports complex by end of fiscal year

Objective 2: Unveil additional youth-focused sports programs to cultivate participation of Central Texas sports participants.

Strategies:

- Identify partners, like FCB's Escola Academy, to bring into Austin marketplace, which will provide sports programming for Central Texas youth.

- Develop youth programming opportunities for new venues like Hill Country Indoor and Junction Athletic Complex.

- Support existing local programs in their search for new/upgraded sports facilities.

Metrics:

- Ensure success of FCB's Escola Academy by assisting with registrations to reach a minimum of 500 participants

Objective 3: Position Austin as the ideal location for a proposed Major League Soccer (MLS) franchise.

Strategies:

- Identify and explore viability of all potential venues to be home of MLS franchise.
- Continue to draw soccer programming and growing Austin's soccer fan base.
- Develop a committee of key community partners that could serve as potential ownership group for MLS franchise.

Metrics:

- Secure MLS franchise

WHAT'S NEXT

Austin Sports Commission's goal of aiding in the creation of a sports venue led to the announcement of Fútbol Club Barcelona's (FCB) installation of a year-round soccer academy to be created at Circuit of The Americas (COTA). This exciting partnership will be accomplished with the creation of a new soccer venue on the grounds at COTA.

The Sports Commission's goal of launching an owned event is still ongoing, with discussions to create a LGBTQ multi-sport, multi-day event. These discussions with national LGBTQ sports organizations will hopefully lead to an announcement in FY 16-17.



Robert Bjorn Taylor is a Bartender at **Watertrade**, a cocktail bar adjacent to Otoko at the South Congress Hotel. He has been in the hospitality industry for 12 years, beginning his career as a barista and food runner. Bjorn played an integral part in the opening of Freedmens, Qui, Emmer & Rye, and now Otoko. Bjorn credits his move to Austin for changing the direction of his career and elevating his skill sets, from creating great drink menus to offering exceptional experiences for customers.

CONVENTION SERVICES

DEPARTMENT GOALS, FY 2017-2018

GOALS	ANNUAL GOALS 16-17	RESULTS TO DATE 16-17*	ANNUAL GOALS 17-18**
Meetings Serviced	1675	1,128	1,800
Housing Assigned	15,000	8,036	12,500***
Registration Hours	5,000	4,956	6,000
Supplier Referrals & Leads	408	269	456
Community Outreach/ Supplier Meetings	96	144	168

*Oct. 2016-Mar. 2017 **Budget pending ***Housing goal reduced based on groups confirmed for housing

PLAN OBJECTIVES, FY 2017-2018

Objective 1: Raise client awareness of services available to ensure successful conventions and repeat business.

Strategies:

- Continue to evaluate services and materials offerings to assist groups in achieving goals and hosting successful events.
- Build on the customer relationship through continuous outreach, by attending sales missions and pre-promotes and by maintaining regularly scheduled contact throughout the planning process.
- Evaluate current method for collecting surveys and responding to customer suggestions to result in improved services.
- Establish strategies to encourage booked groups to use marketing tools and content to capture and promote the destination.
- Promote resources available through the Austin Visitor Center.

Metrics:

- Number of groups serviced
- Percentage of positive survey responses
- Website traffic

Objective 2: Ensure community awareness of conventions and their economic impact.

Strategies:

- Educate industry partners on how to benefit from the convention industry and how to reach the convention client through utilization of convention alerts, response to service leads and referrals, partnership with Visit Austin's varied advertising opportunities and attendance at our hosted events.
- Continue community outreach efforts to develop relationships/partnerships with new businesses that offer services that would enhance either our customer's experience or the group attendee experience.

- Promote local values and vision to convention clients by connecting customers with community resources for sustainability, innovation and expanded corporate social responsibility.
- Work in tandem with Marketing and Strategic Alliances departments to engage local businesses and potential partners.
- Attend local and national industry meetings and events to network and build relationships with industry partners and customers.

Metrics:

- Number of supplier leads/referrals
- Number of meetings attended

Objective 3: Provide a resource for online housing services to actualize room nights and reduce attrition for multi-hotel conventions.

Strategies:

- Maintain partnership with preferred housing vendor to provide full service housing services.
- Promote preferred housing provider to all multi-hotel conventions during the booking/selection process and educate them and our hotel partners on the benefits of utilizing housing to manage room attrition.
- Proactively monitor group history and pick-up; communicate with hotel partners to ensure successful housing outcome.
- Utilize housing revenue share to support the development of the newly formed Visit Austin Foundation.

Metrics:

- Number of reservations actualized
- Revenue generated

WHAT'S NEXT

As we continue to develop our digital assets, the services team will focus on anticipating group needs by proactively promoting these assets and educating customers on Austin's unique experiences.

- Technology updates to the CRM and CMS will allow us to streamline

some of our data collection and database management processes, which affords the team more time to further build the customer relationship.

- Development of pre-promote items and signature client amenities for services.

MARKETING

DEPARTMENT GOALS, FY 2017-2018

GOALS	ANNUAL GOALS 16-17	RESULTS TO DATE 17-18*	ANNUAL GOALS 17-18****
Unique Web Visits	1.92 million	967,442	2 million 1.8 million
Austin Insider Guide Conversion**	70,000	81,528	110,000 70,000
Digital Meeting Planner Tool Views***	2,200	285	2,000 1,250
Leisure eNewsletter Opt-ins	94,600	145,325	156,000 150,000

Marketing/Advertising budget was reduced by \$973,500

*Oct. 2016-Mar. 2017 **In FY 16-17, Visit Austin combined print and virtual Insider Guide fulfillment goals into one goal. ***In May 2017, Visit Austin launched a new digital meeting planner guide. 17-18 goals are based on guide performance from 2016 with a 5% increase. **** Budget Pending

PLAN OBJECTIVES, FY 2017-2018

Objective 1: Build upon Austin's brand equity as the Live Music Capital of the World® to drive consideration and, ultimately, visitation among target audiences.

Strategies:

- Maintain Visit Austin's position as a leader in destination marketing by breaking out of category norms with the Visit Austin campaign and innovative media placements.
- Expand on equity as Live Music Capital of the World® and increase awareness of other destination offerings such as green space, art, culture, heritage, food and Austin icons, that appeal to key leisure and meetings target audience segments.
- Deploy travel influencers who represent diverse travel interests and cultural perspectives to generate and promote Austin content relevant to fly and drive market audiences.
- ~~Explore partnerships that strengthen brand reach, such as New Musical Express (NME) and TimeOut Magazine.~~
- Deepen consumer engagement by developing new ways to leverage live music as an effective communications platform for both leisure and meetings, including music-based content, promotions, tools and artist engagements.
- ~~Execute experiential marketing tactics that take unique Austin experiences to opportunity markets to increase brand awareness and travel to Austin.~~
- Introduce the consumer-facing Visit Austin brand.

Metrics:

- Website traffic and social media engagement
- eNewsletter sign-ups, publication requests and online visitor and meeting planner guide views
- Hotel bookings through select targeted digital buys, including Sojern and Adara tracking platforms
- ~~Experiential marketing impressions and engagement*~~

*Removal of this program limits high-profile exposure for Austin musicians and local small businesses.

Objective 2: Continue to build on digital, content and social media marketing strategies to keep Austin top-of-mind and provide resources for the leisure traveler and meeting planner audiences.

Strategies:

- Utilize VisitAustin.org, Austin Insider Blog, Austin Insider Guide and Meeting Planner Guide as portals for compelling content and as vehicles through which to deepen engagement with key audiences.
- Continue to provide customer service through social media by evolving the True Austin program. Further leverage local influencers for content and outreach.
- ~~Maintain Visit Austin's position as a leader in destination marketing by exploring new technologies and trends and successfully applying them to reach key audiences.~~
- Utilize key insights from Meeting Planner Guide research and customer feedback, initiate next phase of meeting planner digital guide program development.
- Maintain strategic content plan for all online and offline channels.
- Establish content partnerships to bring timely, rich content to Visit Austin digital channels and partner with online publishers to distribute Austin information to reach new audiences.
- Continue development and implementation of strategies for **growing maintaining** eNewsletter database **opt-ins and** maximizing subscriber engagement.
- Optimize existing video content and develop new video to be featured on applicable online channels.
- Provide resources and expertise to assist meeting and event professionals with digital marketing.

Metrics:

- Number of unique website visits and conversions
- Austin Insider Guide fulfillment and online engagement data
- Meeting Planner Guide online engagement data
- Social media follower/engagement metrics



Digital Campaign banners

Objective 3: Bolster existing marketing programs targeting diverse travelers and convention groups.

Strategies:

- Conduct segment research to gather insights on travel motivations and media usage among diverse audiences. Use findings to inform advertising messaging and media placements.
- Reach diverse audiences through behavioral ad targeting and optimization.*
- Continue to engage in local and national organizations through outreach, event support, co-op marketing and promotion of attractions relevant to African American, Hispanic, Asian and LGBTQ travelers.
- Utilize new Heritage and Diversity Marketing Specialist role to oversee diversity marketing efforts, content generation, convention sales support and community relations.
- Launch diversity travel brochure series providing information on cultural history, attractions, points of interest and destination resources.
- Form committee of diversity consumer segment experts, community stakeholders and members of the Visit Austin Board of Directors and staff to collaborate on Visit Austin marketing and community relations efforts.
- Ensure campaign, editorial photography, publications, website, social media and general content reflect Austin's diversity.
- Continually evaluate new opportunities to improve diversity offerings to visitors and meeting professionals.

Metrics:

- Targeted media impressions
- Diversity brochure fulfillment and downloads

*Activities will decrease due to budget reductions.



Objective 4: Promote and preserve Austin heritage through strategic content marketing efforts and grant fulfillment.

Strategies:

- Partner with heritage community to ensure comprehensive representation of Austin offerings in digital and social programs.
- Solicit and fulfill \$250,000 in Heritage Preservation Grants (down from \$500,423 in FY 16/17), acting as a resource to heritage venues and organizations to develop visitor-ready strategies and marketing tactics.
- In conjunction with Film Commission, promote Austin heritage through TV and film.

Metrics:

- Targeted media impressions
- Heritage Grant fulfillment



Austin Heritage ad campaign in Texas Monthly Magazine

Objective 5: Improve the usability, design, content and conversion of Visit Austin programs through content development, execution and management efforts.

Strategies:

- Develop and maintain strategic content plan for VisitAustin.org.
- Develop and maintain editorial calendar for content channels across organization.
- Develop new video content to be featured on VisitAustin.org and Visit Austin social channels.
- Continue development and implementation of strategies for growing eNewsletter database opt-ins and maximizing subscriber engagement.
- Partner with online publishers to distribute Austin content to reach new audiences.

Metrics:

- Content engagement score
- Website conversions

COMMUNICATIONS

DEPARTMENT GOALS, FY 2017-2018

GOALS	ANNUAL GOALS 16-17	RESULTS TO DATE 16-17*	ANNUAL GOALS 17-18**	
Media Outreach (Releases/Pitches)	300	26,248	30,000	20,000
Number of Outlets Reached	336	13,124	15,000	12,000
Press Trips/Media Hosted	36	40	36	30
Dollar Value of Media (sources: Cision, Trendkite & website report)	\$27 million	\$67 million	\$30 million	26 million
Significant Placements	144	96	147	130

Communications budget was reduced by \$126,500

*Oct. 2016-Mar. 2017 **Budget Pending



Julie Chase is a proud fourth generation Texan and has been in Austin for 22 years. She is the Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for **Visit Austin**, where she oversees the marketing of the destination to international and domestic media, travel trade and consumers. In addition, she oversees the Film Commission, Tourism and Music Offices and spends a lot of time with the ABIA staff, working to secure new flight service. Julie has been in the tourism industry for 20 years. Julie started her career at the Texas Department of Commerce where she served in various roles such as the Canada Marketing Manager, International Sales and Media Relations Manager and eventually serving as the Texas Tourism Director in the Governor's Office.

PLAN OBJECTIVES, FY 2017-2018

Objective 1: Continue to generate and shape positive and valuable media coverage of Austin in domestic and international print, broadcast and online media outlets.

Strategies:

- Secure feature stories in print, broadcast, online, social media and industry publications that provide prominent Austin coverage.
- Host qualified journalists on press familiarization trips. *
- Drive support and awareness for Visit Austin's overall mission, goals and purpose by advocating tourism globally through U.S. Travel Association, Brand USA and local partnerships.

Metrics:

- Earned media value
 - Media coverage produced in domestic and international markets
 - Media coverage in outlets with circulation/impressions over 100,000
 - Coverage in print, online, radio and broadcast media
- *Due to budget reduction, Visit Austin will host fewer familiarization trips, resulting in less media coverage.

Objective 2: Target business and meetings-related publications to generate editorial coverage of the destination.

Strategies:

- Continue growing partner relations with existing and new hotels to secure coverage in publications that reach target audiences and that grow occupancy, city-wides and tourism-generated economic impact.
- Host writers and media on assignment from business specific print, broadcast and online outlets. *
- Continually evaluate new opportunities to improve diversity offerings to visitors and meeting professionals.
- Work closely with local organizations to identify areas of potential synergy.

Metrics:

- Media value generated
 - Diversity of coverage through a variety of mediums
 - Number of articles placed in niche publications
- *Due to budget reduction, Visit Austin will host fewer familiarization trips, resulting in less media coverage.

Objective 3: Expand upon the creation of publicity opportunities for community partners, local businesses and public relations teams to feature their clients in press coverage.

Strategies:

- Continue to work closely with hotel public relations teams to increase positive media exposure through sharing media leads, hosting press and collaboration with other community outreach programs. *

- Coordinate site visits to both established and new businesses.

Metrics:

- In-kind donations value secured each month
 - Diversity of Austin product reported by media
 - Quality of coverage that includes tangible call to action and attribution
- *Due to budget reduction, Visit Austin will host fewer familiarization trips, resulting in less media coverage.

Objective 4: Further develop awareness and exposure for Austin's arts, culture, multicultural and LGBTQ products

Strategies:

- Host writers/media on assignment from niche outlets and publications during relevant city festivals and events.
- Ensure editorial photography and general content (events, attractions, points of interest) reflect arts, culture and diversity.
- Promote Austin's diverse attractions, rich history, culture and unique personality.
- Maintain Visit Austin's association, outreach, collaboration and support of numerous local and national multicultural groups and events.

Metrics:

- Media value generated
- Diversity of coverage

Objective 5: Public Affairs: Work with city and state elected officials to protect travel and tourism funding and infrastructure.

Strategies:

- Monitor legislative bills that are in the interest of the tourism industry.
- Meet with local and state officials to advocate for the travel and tourism industry.
- Remain a resource for Austin City Council and other elected officials in matters regarding the tourism industry.

Metrics:

- Success of bills tracked during legislative session
- Support of local officials for tourism industry issues of interest

YEAR TO DATE 3-YEAR DOLLAR VALUE OF MEDIA:

FISCAL YEARS	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (THROUGH MARCH 2017)
Dollar Value of Media (source: Cision)	\$30,648,762 million	\$46,256,115 million	\$92,349,163 million	\$42,808,193 million	\$67,297,420.12 million

STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

DEPARTMENT GOALS, FY 2017-2018

GOALS	ANNUAL GOALS 16-17	RESULTS TO DATE 16-17*	ANNUAL GOALS 17-18**
Foundation Fundraising	n/a	n/a	\$100,000***
Donated Services/ Expense Offset	400,000****	\$1,146,264.35	300,000
Revenue	450,000****	\$477,565.48	\$300,000 \$250,000

Strategic Alliance budget was reduced by \$40,000

***Dependent on date of 501c3 status acceptance.

*Oct. 2016-Mar. 2017 **Budget pending

****Increased significantly due to PCMA in January 2017

PLAN OBJECTIVES, FY 2017-2018

Objective 1: Establish and launch a charitable foundation to support the local Austin hospitality community, build recognition for the local travel, tourism and music industries and support tourism workforce development.

Strategies:

- Award scholarships to undergraduate students in Austin planning to pursue degrees in the hospitality and tourism industry at accredited, four-year universities, colleges or community colleges in Texas.
- Support hospitality employees in Austin interested in advancing their career through additional certification, continuing education and other professional development.
- Provide job training opportunities.
- Conduct industry research.
- Protect Austin brand as Live Music Capital of the World®.

Metrics:

- Fundraising goals actualized
- Number of new donors secured
- Donor retention
- Number of scholarships and job training opportunities awarded annually

Objective 2: Provide event oversight, development and fundraising strategies/implementation for applicable Visit Austin-hosted industry events and Visit Austin marquee events.

Strategies:

- Work with other Visit Austin departments and event production partners to develop and execute events.
- Solicit and secure sponsorships.
- Ensure sponsorship fulfillment.
- Develop opportunities for community outreach and engagement as applicable.

Metrics:

- Revenue actualized – meet/exceed designated revenue goals
- Donated Services – meet/exceed designated goals for donated and in-kind services

Objective 3: Build strategic brand alliances that further the mission of Visit Austin.

Strategies:

- Promote the Strategic Partnership/Sponsorship Program.
- Pursue and develop alliances with corporate partners and sponsors outside the hospitality industry.
- Maintain and further develop catalog of Visit Austin, partner and other destination assets.
- Identify gaps and opportunities for new value offerings and cobranded marketing opportunities that promote partner participation as well as customer and consumer engagement- both experiential and joint-venture value programs.
- Identify, execute, manage and fulfill Strategic Alliance agreements.
- Enhance partner tools and resources available on VisitAustin.org or partner microsites.

Metrics:

- Number of new partners secured*
- Partner retention
- Revenue actualized*
- Donated services

* Reduced budget results in fewer dollars for solicitation efforts.

Objective 4: Develop and expand meetings industry partnerships.

Strategies:

- Serve as primary clearing house for all industry partnerships and agreements. Work with internal and external contacts regarding tracking and measurement of contract deliverables.
- Provide oversight and ensure fulfillment of partnership agreements with Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA), International Association of Exhibitions and Events (IAEE), and American Society of Association Executives (ASAE).
- Continue long-standing partnership with Destination Management Association International (DMAI).
- Work with internal departments to ensure all activation opportunities are maximized.

Metrics:

- Contract deliverables met
- Activations captured

Objective 5: Engage traditional and non-traditional Austin hospitality partners.

Strategies:

- Develop and maintain an a la carte menu of year 'round Visit Austin offerings and opportunities, including co-op advertising, partner programs and event participation.
- Develop, catalogue and allocate destination assets.
- Enhance partner tools and resources available on VisitAustin.org or partner microsites.
- Identify unique ways to educate and further engage partners in the Austin hospitality, meetings/conventions and tourism industries.

Metrics:

- Number of new partners secured
- Partner retention
- Revenue actualized



Ed Bailey relocated to Austin from Cleveland, OH in 1998 when he brought an exhibition from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum to SXSW. Ed has been a member of the hospitality industry for 27 years and is currently the Vice President of Brand Development at **Austin City Limits** and **ACL Live at the Moody Theater**. Ed suggests all visitors to Austin go to Ranch 616 for their Silver Coin Margarita, followed by a night of venue hopping.



Cathy Lippincott is the Co-Owner and Manager of **Guero's Taco Bar** and has been in the hospitality industry for more than 30 years. Being the owner and operator allows Cathy to wear many hats. **Rob Lippincott** is the Co-Owner and Manager at **Guero's Taco Bar** and has been in Austin more than 50 years, 31 of which have been dedicated to the hospitality industry. He loves working with such a "family like" crew and having the opportunity to meet new people.

TOURISM

DEPARTMENT GOALS, FY 2017-2018

GOALS	ANNUAL GOALS 16-17	RESULTS TO DATE 16-17*	ANNUAL GOALS 17-18**
Product Placement ***	48	18	48 36
Destination Training	600	2,561	1,100 825
Tourism Partner Leads	235	70	235 172

Tourism budget was reduced by \$25,000

*Oct. 2016-Mar. 2017 **Budget pending

***Year to date product placement numbers are reflective of programs tracked monthly while the annual brochure audit is conducted after the conclusion of the fiscal year.

PLAN OBJECTIVES, FY 2017-2018

Objective 1: Increase destination awareness in primary and emerging inbound markets.

Strategies:

- Organize targeted travel trade and public relations programs (presentations, client events and interviews) aimed at generating Austin exposure.**
- Facilitate destination trainings for travel trade executive leadership and sales force teams at key travel companies.**
- Partner with Texas Tourism and Brand USA in co-operative marketing efforts to strengthen awareness of Austin and drive sales increases.**

Metrics:

- Room nights sold through receptive operators and, when relevant, other travel trade entities
- Key market production in the International Overnights Report
- Web traffic and impressions resulting from collaborations or promotions aimed at consumer audiences

Objective 2: Increase the supply of Austin hospitality product available for distribution by the international travel trade.

Strategies:

- Develop education initiatives aimed at preparing the local supplier community to capture international bookings.
- Support Austin businesses in expanding their sales and marketing reach in international and domestic leisure markets by facilitating new agreements between local suppliers and key aggregators.
- Create opportunities to market Austin to the travel trade through organizing sales and media missions in key markets, hosting familiarization trips and attending relevant trade shows.**
- Assist top-tier aggregators and wholesale travel operators in the development of new Austin travel product.
- Coordinate efforts with Austin–Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA) to attract and maintain new air service to Austin.**

Metrics:

- Increases in the number of signed partner agreements between hotel suppliers and key aggregators (receptive operators)
- Room nights sold through receptive operators
- Overnights from key markets
- Annual brochure audit reflects increases and decreases in Austin product available

Objective 3: Stimulate demand in emerging markets through public-facing content and consumer promotions.

Strategies:

- Increase Austin's media coverage in premier online, broadcast and print (consumer and trade) channels.**
- Create and sustain partnerships with airlines and key travel companies, thus, leveraging their reach to enact multi-channel consumer promotions.
- Continue to produce and procure translated content for the international pages of the Visit Austin website.**

Metrics:

- Media value of Visit Austin–driven coverage in key markets*
- Web traffic and impressions resulting from collaborations or promotions aimed at consumer audiences

*Refer to the Communications section of the marketing plan for comprehensive goals.

** Activities will decrease due to budget reductions in Tourism, Communications and Marketing departments.

FILM COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT GOALS, FY 2017-2018

GOALS	ANNUAL GOALS 16-17	RESULTS TO DATE 16-17*	ANNUAL GOALS 17-18**
Production Leads	2,640	42,828	50,000 40,000
Fulfillment	126	157	140 120
Production Starts	42	74	45 35
Production Days	900	1,411	900 800

The Film budget was reduced by \$3,000 and activities will also be affected by reductions in the Communication and Marketing/Advertising Departments.

*Oct. 2016-Mar. 2017 **Budget pending

PLAN OBJECTIVES, FY 2017-2018

Objective 1: Work to increase film, television and commercial production in the Austin area.

Strategies:

- Scout for productions with directors and executives, familiarizing them with local filming locations and introducing them to Austin vendors and crew.
- Enhance and increase the number of property listings in our online location database.
- Promote and build the crew and vendor listing in the online production directory.

Metrics:

- Production starts
- Production days completed
- Production leads
- Reel-scout database statistics

Objective 2: Promote Austin as a leading motion picture, commercial and television production hub.

Strategies:

- Continue to develop content and features for the Austin Film Commission website.
- Partner with and promote local festivals—in doing so, welcome industry visitors and promote Austin as a film destination.
- Continue to promote Austin film scene and help raise the profile of local filmmakers through press channels.
- Utilize social media ~~and targeted ads~~ to market Austin film community globally.
- Promote Austin film at events and tradeshow.

Metrics:

- Social media metrics
- Website visit statistics
- Event attendance numbers

Objective 3: Advocate for the film and television industry locally, while raising awareness of the positive impact that the production industry has for the community.

Strategies:

- Work with state and community film groups ~~like the Texas Film Commission and the Austin Film Society~~ to cross-promote production in Austin.
- Participate in local meetings to educate constituents on the benefits of film and television production.
- Identify and develop partnerships with local vendors, facilities and media companies to further local production business.
- Act as an advocate for film and television production with local government and regulatory offices to make sure the infrastructure is in place for production.

Metrics:

- ~~Participation and involvement in promotional activities*~~
- Promotional values generated from partnerships
- Reel-Crew directory statistics
- Reel-Scout database statistics

**Limited due to budget cuts in the Marketing/Advertising department.*

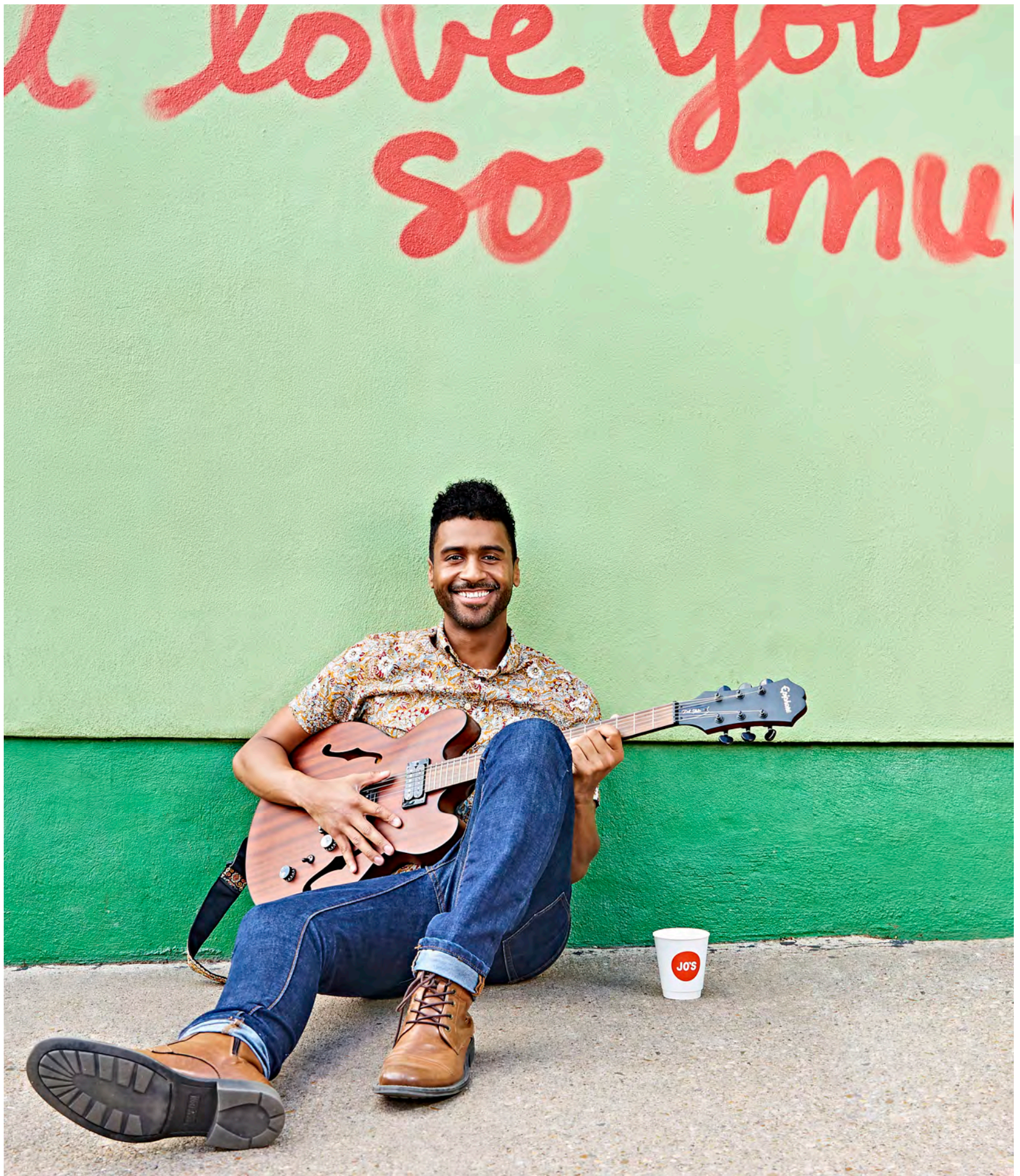
WHAT'S NEXT

The Austin Film Commission continues to work with the Texas Association of Film Commissions, the Motion Picture Association of America and the Texas Motion Picture Alliance to push for a more robust film rebate program at the state level. This allows us to compete with other states for film and television business. The State of Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program took a hit during the 2014-15 Legislative Session with its funding cut by 2/3 (from \$90 million down to \$30 million). During the 2017-18 Legislative Session, the funding stayed flat. Based upon last year's activity with the state smaller budget, we saw less incentivized, studio level projects coming to Austin. We expect things to stay mostly flat, though we have a healthy commercial and independent film scene, so locally won't see a slide in production but we will also not see a growth or the economic impact multiple large-scale television series that we had been seeing in previous years.

As the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program is the number one tool to bring productions not only to Texas but also Austin, the Austin Film Commission is implementing new tools to help counterbalance the decrease in funding. We are refreshing the Film Discount Card (now known as the Austin Film Insider program) which gives filmmakers discounts while also promoting local businesses. This program not only helps filmmakers save money but also brings business to local vendors. The Austin Film Commission is also working with ReelScout to roll out our new online tool called ReelPost. ReelPost allows filmmakers to find and hire cast and crew easily as well as to market their project crowdfunding initiatives. The forum system will also be a community resource for the local cast and crew to find employment.



Craig Parks relocated to Austin from Jackson, Mississippi 28 years ago, and each of these last 28 years have been dedicated to the Austin hospitality industry. Craig is the Executive Producer and Principal at **Arts + Labor**, a local film production company. Arts + Labor has managed productions for each of the various entertainment districts across Austin, major local events such as SXSW and ATX Television Festival, tribute films honoring distinguished Texans and profiles of many unique gems in and around Austin. Parks' favorite part of the job is bringing stories to life by taking simple ideas and working with his team to convert those stories to the screen.



Tje Austin is a **singer/songwriter** who has been based in Austin for more than 16 years. Tje was born and adopted in Hawaii and moved around the globe before moving to Austin to attend the University of Texas at Austin in 2001. Although he found his passion for music later in life, he wouldn't change it for the world. Tje was on the first season of "The Voice" and, today, he can be seen playing at local venues all over the city.

MUSIC

DEPARTMENT GOALS, FY 2017-2018

GOALS	ANNUAL GOALS 16-17	YEAR TO DATE* 16-17	ANNUAL GOALS 17-18**
Booking Inquiries	900	681	960 900
Industry Contacts	840	580	840 820
Media Contacts	60	38	60 40
Media Event	12	23	12 8

The Music budget was reduced by \$10,000 and the Austin Airstream tour was eliminated, due to cuts in the Marketing/Advertising department.

*Oct. 2016-May 2017 **Pending Budget

PLAN OBJECTIVES, FY 2017-2018

Objective 1: Market Austin's music product to incoming visitors, meeting planners, conventions and press.

Strategies:

- Work with Convention Sales and Services departments to develop music programming as an added value and incentive tool for incoming meeting and event planners.
- Continue to build and market the Hire an Austin Musician platform by assisting conventions, meeting planners, tradeshow and local business with various recommendations and booking support for local talent.
- Assist Strategic Alliances department in all music-related needs and account support for ALL ATX/Keller Williams sponsorship fulfillment.
- Partner with city of Austin to promote local daytime music series for visitors in coordination with various venues, including Austin Visitor Center.
- *Manage all music inquiries, talent requests and artists contracting for sales, tourism, media, familiarization tours and other Visit Austin-related initiatives. **
- Support Communications Department with hosting media groups and fielding music-related inquiries to increase media coverage on the Austin music scene.

Metrics:

- Number of live music bookings and inquiries
- Attendance for daytime programmed music series
- Media coverage of the Austin music scene

**Activities will decrease due to budget cuts in other departments.*

Objective 2: Foster music community relationships to effectively promote Austin's music industry.

Strategies:

- Continue to work with the City of Austin Music & Entertainment Division on positioning and promoting the importance of the Austin music industry.
- In partnership with ALL ATX/Keller Williams, collaborate on annual Austin music compilation to promote Austin artists.
- Build deeper partnerships with key music community stake holders, such as the Austin Music Foundation, Health Alliance for Austin Musicians, Sims Foundation, Black Fret and others.

- Offer support to local industry to promote development and growth of: venues, recording studios, record labels, and music businesses as a whole.
- Regularly attend music trade shows and community and industry events.

Metrics:

- Number of events in which Austin Music Office participates
- Number of industry events attended
- Number of CDs distributed

Objective 3: Identify opportunities for Visit Austin to integrate local musician community.

Strategies:

- Maintain local artist inclusion and booking recommendations for various incoming events, meetings and conventions.
- *Include Austin musicians in Visit Austin marketing activations.**
- Continue to grow Austin musician database within the Visit Austin website.
- Support Austin musicians by marketing events and new releases on online calendar, social media channels and the Austin Insider Blog.

Metrics:

- Number of new musician entries in Hire an Austin Musician database
- Number of musicians contracted for Visit Austin events

**Activities will decrease due to budget cuts in other departments; the Austin Airstream tour was eliminated due to Marketing/Advertising budget reduction.*

Objective 4: Grow Austin Music Office's digital and social media footprint.

Strategies:

- Monitor VisitAustin.org and continue to make recommendations to innovate visitor experience on the music portion of VisitAustin.org including: new content ideas, interactive district maps and music event discovery tools.
- Partner with festivals and music events of all sizes, to creatively promote on @MusicAustin accounts (Twitter, Instagram) and the Austin Insider Blog.
- *Create and promote ongoing playlists and stations on streaming services such as Spotify to help market Austin music to global listeners.**

Metrics:

- Growth and engagement of @MusicAustin social handles
- Number of visits to music section of VisitAustin.org and Austin Insider Blog
- Music Austin Spotify streaming account plays and followers

**Activities will decrease due to budget cuts in other departments.*



Harrison Eppright is a native Austinite and has been in the hospitality industry for 24 years. He is the Manager of Visitor Services and a Tour Ambassador for **Visit Austin**. Because Harrison assists visitors from around the world, he has encouraged himself to be better informed about the world at large. Harrison suggests all visitors take a tour of the Texas State Capitol as it links Austin's history and identity; past, present and future. "I am amazed and impressed at the love that so many citizens of all colors, all walks of life and from all around the world have towards this beautiful building."

VISITOR SERVICES

DEPARTMENT GOALS, FY 2017-2018

GOALS	MONTHLY GOALS 16-17	MONTHLY GOALS 17-18	ANNUAL GOALS 16-17	RESULTS TO-DATE 16-17*	ANNUAL GOALS 17-18**
Downtown Visitors/ Walk-In Inquiries	15,000	16,000	180,000	58%	192,000
Call-In Inquiries	1,550	1,600	18,600	51%	19,200
Visitor Packets					
Retail Revenue	90,416	92,500	1,085,000	44%	1,110,000
Email Inquiries	75	83	900	26%	1000
Historic Walking Tours	458	225	5,496	15%	2,700***
Business/Industry Group Presentations	2	2	24	42%	24

Visitor Center budget was reduced by \$72,000 - the cost of a new POS system.

*Oct. 2016-Mar. 2017

**Budget pending

***Charging a participate fee for tours

PLAN OBJECTIVES, FY 2017-2018

Objective 1: Provide additional visitor services to increase visitor volume, length of stay and visitor spending.

Strategies:

- Drive traffic to VisitAustin.org for tour and attraction bookings and online store.
- Continue to add tours and attractions to online reservation platform by partnering with OnceThere.
- Promote daytime music programming in partnership with City of Austin Music and Entertainment Office.
- Expand media wall capabilities such as virtual reality videos.
- Offer Certified Hospitality Training for staff to better service visitors to Austin.

Metrics:

- Distribution of visitor guides and maps
- Number of monthly visitors
- Tracking email addresses and zip codes through walk-in inquiries

WHAT'S NEXT

- Expand media wall capabilities by offering virtual reality videos of Austin's attraction districts.
- Offer Certified Hospitality Training (CHT) for Visitor Center employees.

Objective 2: Expand retail options to offset operational expenses.

Strategies:

- ~~Research new Point of Sale system that integrates with accounting and online software.~~
- Expand intern/volunteer staff to better service visitors.
- Continue to market retail through social media to increase online, in-store and amenity package sales.

Metrics:

- Total revenue
- Incentive goals met
- Tracking of online and reservation sales

Objective 3: Plan and execute events at the Visitor Center that represent the Austin brand.

Strategies:

- Continue Daybird music series to support local musicians.
- Exhibit and sell local artist works throughout the year.
- Provide industry presentations for convention groups and local businesses to improve destination knowledge.
- Continue to offer custom historic walking tours to promote Heritage Marketing.

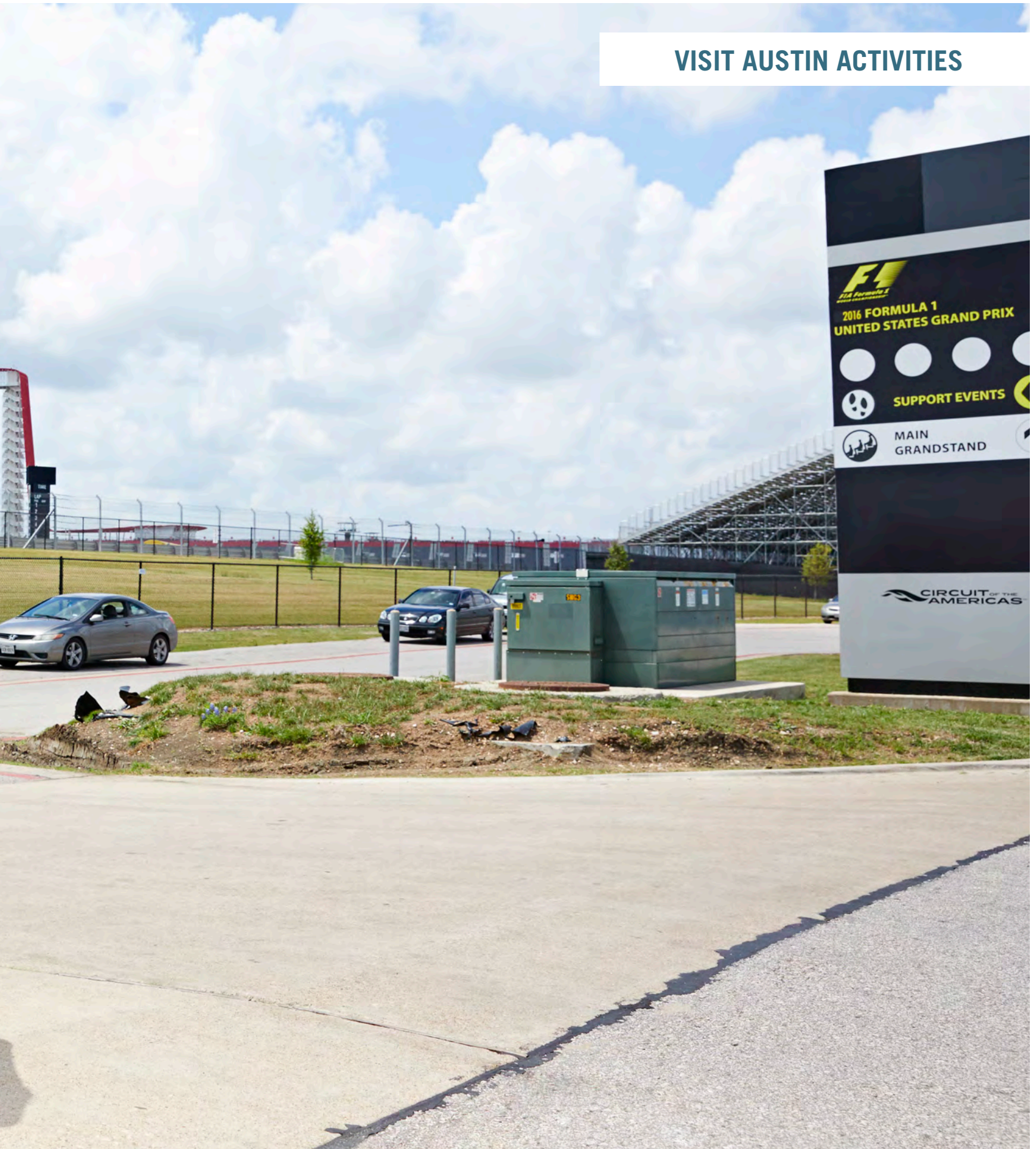
Metrics:

- Track tours and presentations conducted
- Event values



Paula Bell was born and raised in Austin and served six years in the United States Army. Paula is now responsible for meeting and directing all guests at **Circuit of The Americas (COTA)**. Her role creates the first impression of COTA and, with hospitality and customer service in mind, her goal is to make the first impression as warm and welcoming as possible.

VISIT AUSTIN ACTIVITIES



“I have overcome being homeless for three years and I am grateful for my blessing. I have two adult daughters and four grandchildren; I was a single mom, and I raised my grandkids for 5 years until I became homeless. Being a positive and strong faithful woman has helped me live day to day... I just do everything from the bottom of my heart! My smile is sincere and my smile is meant to be warm. I wouldn't have it any other way!”

FY 17-18 BUREAU ACTIVITIES

First Quarter

October 2017

10/2-10/4	Arlington, TX	TTIA Texas Travel Summit 2017	Tourism, Marketing
10/3	Austin, TX	Visit Austin Annual Luncheon	All Staff
10/6-8 and 10/13-15	Austin, TX	2017 Austin City Limits Music Festival	Marketing, Communications, Music Office, Strategic Alliances
10/10-10/12	Las Vegas, NV	IMEX America	Convention Sales
10/13-10/14	Austin, TX	Cinema Touching Disability Film Festival & Short Film Competition	Austin Film Commission
10/18-10/19	San Francisco, CA	eTourism Summit 2017	Marketing
10/20-10/22	Austin, TX	2017 Formula 1 United States Grand Prix	Austin Sports Commission, Tourism, Communications
10/25	New York, NY	Biz Bash Live - Event Innovation Forum	Strategic Alliances
10/26-11/2	Austin, TX	2017 Austin Film Festival	Austin Film Commission, Strategic Alliances

November 2017

11/2-11/5	Austin, TX	Austin Polish Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
11/6-11/8	London, UK	World Travel Market	Tourism
11/9-11/10	Boston, MA	Center for Community Foundation Excellence Course	Strategic Alliances
11/12-11/15	San Diego, CA	FICP Annual Conference	Convention Sales
11/13/2016	Washington, D.C.	D.C. Sales Mission	Convention Sales
11/20	Austin, TX	Austin Sports Commission Golf Tournament	Austin Sports Commission, Convention Sales
11/28-11/30	San Antonio, TX	IAEE Expo! Expo! 2017	Convention Sales
TBD	Austin, TX	Austin Jewish Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	TBD	National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners Annual Conference	Convention Sales

December 2017

12/7-12/10	Austin, TX	Other Worlds Austin	Austin Film Commission
12/7-12/10	Austin, TX	Austin Asian American Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
12/8	Austin, TX	TS&E Holiday Luncheon	Convention Sales
12/9	Chicago, IL	Chicago Holiday Event	Convention Sales
12/14	Chicago, IL	Holiday Showcase	Convention Sales
TBD	Washington, D.C.	Texas CVB Holiday Event	Convention Sales
TBD	Austin, TX	Big As Texas Short Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	TBD	Connect Sports LGBTQ National Task Force	Austin Sports Commission

Second Quarter

January 2018

1/7-1/10	Nashville, TN	PCMA Convening Leaders	Convention Sales, Convention Services, Strategic Alliances, Marketing
1/16-1/19	Salt Lake City, UT	Go West Summit	Tourism
1/18-1/28	Park City, UT	2018 Sundance Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Southwest Showcase	Convention Sales

February 2018

2/7-2/9	Vancouver, Canada	AMC Institute Annual Meeting	Convention Sales, Strategic Alliances
TBD	Austin, TX	OUTsider Fest	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Atlanta, GA	Southeast Sales Calls	Convention Sales

March 2018

3/7-3/11	Berlin, Germany	ITB Berlin	Tourism
3/9-3/18	Austin, TX	SXSW Music, Film and Interactive Conferences and Festival® 2018	Austin Film Commission, Marketing Communications, Music Office, Strategic Alliances
3/10-3/12	Austin, TX	Brand Innovators	Strategic Alliances
TBD	Austin, TX	Films for The Forest	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Sonoma, CA	Sonoma Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	New York City, NY	Meet NY & Sales Calls	Convention Sales
TBD	Washington, D.C.	DMAI Foundation Dinner & Destination Showcase	Convention Sales
TBD	Austin, TX	Local Client Appreciation Event	Convention Sales
TBD	Chicago, IL	Midwest Sales Calls	Convention Sales
TBD	San Francisco, CA	West Coast Sales Calls	Convention Sales
TBD	Austin, TX	2018 Bomber Shootout	Austin Sports Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	World Golf Championships - Dell Match Play	Austin Sports Commission

FY 17-18 BUREAU ACTIVITIES

Third Quarter

April 2018

4/8-4/11	Chicago, IL	IEG Sponsorships Conference	Strategic Alliances
4/23-4/26	Minneapolis, MN	National Association of Sports Commissions	Convention Sales, Sports Commission
TBD	TBD	Hill Country Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Indie Meme Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Austin Comedy Short Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	TBD	AFCI Locations Tradeshow	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Attic Film Fest	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Atlanta, GA	Southeast Sales Mission & Client Event	Convention Sales
TBD	Austin, TX	2018 USA BMX Lone Star Nationals	Austin Sports Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Red Bull Grand Prix of The Americas	Austin Sports Commission

May 2018

5/2	Washington, D.C.	PCMA Visionary Awards	Strategic Alliances, Convention Sales
5/7-5/10	Scottsdale, AZ	Simpleview Summit 2018	Strategic Alliances, Marketing, Convention
5/15-5/17	Frankfurt, Germany	IMEX Frankfurt	Sales
5/19-5/23	Denver, CO	USTA IPW	Tourism
TBD	Mexico	Texas Tourism – Mexico Sales & Media Mission	Tourism
TBD	Austin, TX	IAEE/CTC Golf Event	Tourism
TBD	Austin, TX	Give Back Gig	Convention Sales
TBD	TBD	TSAE Summer Break	All Staff
TBD	Washington D.C.	Xperience Design Project	Convention Sales
TBD	Austin, TX	2018 AVP Tour	Convention Sales
TBD	Austin, TX	Austin Youth Film Festival	Austin Sports Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Cine Las Americas	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Off Centered Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Guadalajara, Mexico	ARLAG	Austin Film Commission Tourism

June 2018

6/2-6/5	Indianapolis, IN	MPI World Education Congress	Convention Sales
6/10-6/13	TBD	PCMA Education Conference	Strategic Alliances
TBD	Austin, TX	24 Hour Film Project	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	ATX Television Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Los Angeles, CA	Texas Filmmakers' Brunch	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Dallas, TX	DFW Sales Mission & Client Event	Convention Sales
TBD	Chicago, IL	Chicago Sales Mission & Client Event	Convention Sales
TBD	TBD	Airstream Summer Tour 2018	Music Office, Marketing Communications

Fourth Quarter

July 2018

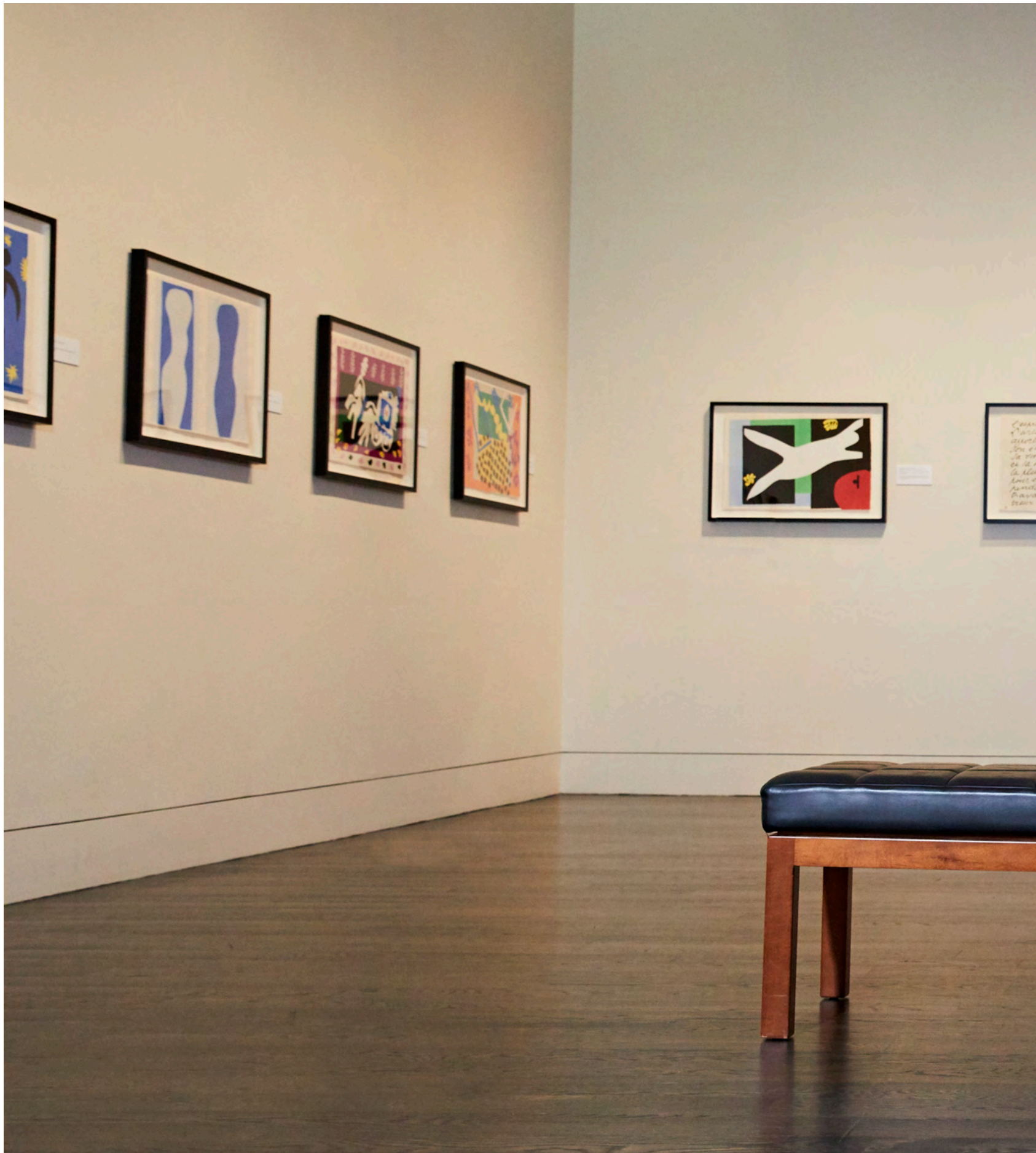
TBD	Austin, TX	Austin Webfest	Austin Film Commission
TBD	CA	Corporate Event Marketing Association Annual Summit	Strategic Alliances
TBD	TBD	DMAI Annual Convention	Strategic Alliances
TBD	Austin, TX	2018 Triple Crown Southwest Summer Nationals	Austin Sports Commission

August 2018

8/18-8/21	Chicago, IL	ASAE Annual Meeting	Convention Sales
TBD	TBD	Connect Marketplace	Sports Commission, Convention Sales
TBD	NYC & Philadelphia, PA	Northeast Sales Mission & Client Event	Convention Sales
TBD	TBD	Connect Sports	Austin Sports Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Capital City Black Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
8/11-8/15	Phoenix, AZ	ESTO 2018	Music Office, Marketing Communications
TBD	Sydney & Melbourne, AUS & Auckland, NZ	AUS-NZ Sales & Media Mission	Tourism

September 2018

9/9-9/11	Dallas, TX	TSAE New Ideas Annual Conference	Convention Sales
TBD	Tampa & Orlando, FL	Southeast Sales Calls	Convention Sales
TBD	Toronto, Canada	Toronto Sales Mission & Client Event	Convention Sales
TBD	Austin, TX	Austin Music Video Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Guangzhou, China	World Routes 2017	Tourism
TBD	New York City, NY	New York Event	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Austin Revolution Film Festival	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Austin Short Film Fest	Austin Film Commission
TBD	Austin, TX	Fatastic Fest	Austin Film Commission



Monte Monreal grew up in San Angelo, Texas, but he always knew Austin was where he wanted to be. Monte is now the Visitor Services Manager at the **Harry Ransom Center** and has been in the hospitality industry for three years. He is responsible for ensuring that the gallery at the Ransom Center runs smoothly, seven days a week. This includes training docents to guide visitors through exhibitions, coordinating with groups who want to experience the Center, and keeping the shop full of interesting items.

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"I feel privileged to live in a city like Austin and work at a place like the Ransom Center. Just one or the other would be more than enough, but to enjoy both—and after such a circuitous journey—it greatly enhances my gratitude for all the people and experiences our wonderful city has afforded me."

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Cindy Y. Lo is the President and Event Strategist for **Red Velvet Events** and has been in Austin for 23 years. Cindy has been a member of the hospitality industry for 15 years, getting her start in 2002 when she founded Red Velvet Events. Her favorite spot in Austin is the new boardwalk on Lady Bird Lake where she enjoys taking her kids and taking in the “invigorating” and “very welcoming” downtown Austin skyline.

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