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ENOCH LEAVES CHINA, LANDS IN GEORGIA

Longtime venue veteran Michael Enoch has returned to the states. After a number of years in China, Enoch has been hired by Spectra to managed several city-owned venues in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

Enoch most recently served Spectra as the GM for Studio City Events Center in Macau, China and was also the GM for the Mercedes-Benz Arena in Shanghai, managed by AEG Asia. He'll start his new role in Sandy Springs on February 1, managing a performing arts theater, studio theater, meeting spaces and park. Spectra won the contract for Sandy Springs in May 2015. The building is set to open in April 2018.

"Spectra has been a terrific partner since we hired them to provide Venue Management here in Sandy Springs," said Sandy Springs City Manager John McDonough in a statement. "Together, we looked at numerous candidates through a deliberate process before making a selection to fill this role. Michael has the depth of experience we consider a priority to help us and Spectra with not only a successful launch of the performing arts center, but ongoing growth in programming and events."

Enoch has worked in the facility business for nearly 40 years, serving as both a booking agent and a venue manager in a leadership role for a number of facilities including the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas, the Rose Garden Arena in Portland, Queen Sirikit National Convention Center in Thailand and Coors Amphitheatre in Chula Vista. He helped build a number of venues including the House of Blues in Boston and Houston, as well as the Hollywood Palladium and the Hard Rock Live Arena in Hollywood, Fla.

"At Spectra we transform events into experiences," Enoch said in a statement. "I look forward to working closely with the City and the several other Spectra properties here in Georgia to help strengthen our relationships within the industry that will create new and exciting opportunities for the performing arts center, our clients and their customers."