

# JOHN T. MAZZOLA

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## BIOGRAPHY

John T. Mazzola is a veteran venue manager and Certified Facilities Executive with over 25 years of increasingly responsible experience in all phases of the stadium-auditorium-arena industry. The last 20 years spent in the capacity of effectively managing sports and entertainment arena, auditorium, stadium and amphitheater facilities ranging in size from 7,500 to 23,000 seats in addition to civic center conference and convention meeting and exposition spaces sized from 20,000 to 145,000 square feet.

John Mazzola currently serves as the Coliseum Director for the University of West Georgia UWG COLISEUM, a 6,000 seat sports and entertainment venue hosting NCAA athletics competition events, academic classes and other events and attractions.

Mazzola is no stranger to Georgia sports and entertainment events, having served as a senior manager on the Olympic Venue Management team for Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Games. As a venue manager for event services, Mazzola directed spectator, media and event operations for the 16,000 seat Lake Lanier Olympic Venue, which hosted Rowing and Kayak-Canoe Sprints.

Serving as Director for the City of Albany (GA) Civic Center Complex, Mazzola oversaw the 10,000 seat Albany Civic Center arena, the 1,000 seat Municipal Auditorium (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) and the Veteran's Park Amphitheatre and festival field.

During service with New York City based Metropolitan Entertainment, he simultaneously served as Director of Upstate Concert Operations where he managed concerts and live entertainment events at various entertainment venues in Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, New York and as General Manager for the Darien Lake Performing Arts Center, a 23,000 seat concert amphitheater hosting 30-40 national concert performances each summer season.

Mazzola also served as the stadium manager for the New York Yankees at the Fort Lauderdale Stadium Complex and as stadium operations manager for the 70,000 seat Tangerine Bowl Stadium, now the Citrus Bowl, in Orlando, Florida hosting NCAA Bowl games, College Football, The Rolling Stones, The Who and other sporting events.

Other director and general manager leadership roles held were with the Florence (SC) City-County Civic Center, the Monroe (LA) Civic Center arena, auditorium and conference center, Tampa's 11,000 seat University of South Florida USF SUN DOME arena and the Okeechobee County (FL) Agri-Civic Center, an equine event center with on-site camping and festival fields for agricultural events, carnivals and fairs.

Mazzola has an A.A. in Business Administration from the County College of Morris in Dover, New Jersey and a B.A. *cum laude* in Sports Administration from Biscayne College in Miami, Florida. He served as an adjunct professor of Sports Administration at St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida while working in South Florida.

He has earned the prestigious Certified Facilities Executive award designation from the International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM). With more than 3,880 IAVM members internationally, John Mazzola is one of 271 CFE venue managers in the United States and the world.

John is a native of Hackettstown, New Jersey (home to M&M's candies) and resides in Carrollton, Georgia with his wife, Linda, a former regional marketing director for a national shopping center company and a public relations manager for premiere performing arts center. Linda and John's family also includes twins Olivia and Joseph.