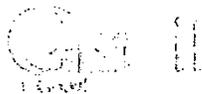


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Kenneth Ortega <ortegakenneth@gmail.com>

Re: trouble at the Front

5 messages

Randy Phillips

Fri, Jun 19, 2009 at 10:47 PM

To: Tim Leiweke

, kenny

Kenny, will you do this with Tim and I?

RP

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Leiweke

To: Randy Phillips

Sent: Fri Jun 19 22:38:05 2009

Subject: Re: trouble at the Front

Let's set up a time for you and I to meet with him. I want Kenny in the meeting as well.

Sent using BlackBerry

-----Original Message-----

From: Randy Phillips

To: Tim Leiweke

Sent: Fri Jun 19 22:33:52 2009

Subject: Fw: trouble at the Front

We have a real problem here.

-----Original Message-----

From: John Hougdaht

To: Paul Gongaware; Randy Phillips

Sent: Fri Jun 19 22:14:22 2009

Subject: trouble at the Front

Paul / Randy

I'm not being a drama queen here... Kenny asked me to notify you both.

MJ was sent home without stepping foot on stage. He was a basket case and Kenny was concerned he would embarrass himself on stage, or worse yet - get hurt.

The company is rehearsing right now, but the DOUBT is pervasive.

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Time to circle the wagons.

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Kenneth Ortega
To: Randy Phillips

Sat, Jun 20, 2009 at 2:04 AM

Randy

I will do whatever I can to be of help with this situation. If you need me to come to the house, just give me a call in the morning. My concern is, now that we've brought the Doctor in to the fold and have played the tough love, now or never card, is that the Artist may be unable to rise to the occasion due to real emotional stuff. He appeared quite weak and fatigued this evening. He had a terrible case of the chills, was trembling, rambling and obsessing. Everything in me says he should be psychologically evaluated. If we have any chance at all to get him back in the light, it's going to take a strong Therapist to help him through this as well as immediate physical nurturing. I was told by our Choreographer that during the Artists costume fitting with his Designer tonight they noticed he's lost more weight. As far as I can tell, there is no one taking responsibility (caring for) for him on a daily basis. Where was his assistant tonight? Tonight I was feeding him, wrapping him in blankets to warm his chills, massaging his feet to calm him and calling his doctor. There were four security guards outside his door, but no one offering him a cup of hot tea. Finally, it's important for everyone to know, I believe that he really wants this. It would shatter him, break his heart if we pulled the plug. He's terribly frightened it's all going to go away. He asked me repeatedly tonight if I was going to leave him. He was practically begging for my confidence. It broke my heart. He was like a lost boy. There still may be a chance he can rise to the occasion if we get him the help he needs.

Sincerely,
Kenny

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**Randy Phillips**  
To: kenny\_@...  
Cc: Paul Gongaware

Sat, Jun 20, 2009 at 6:58 AM

, Tim Leiweke

Kenny, I will call you when I figure this out. We have a person like that, Brigitte, who is in London advancing

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his stay. We will bring her back asap and Frank, too, however, I am stymied on who to bring in as a therapist and how they can get through to him in such a short time.

Randy

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**Kenneth Ortega** ·  
To: Randy Phillips

Sat, Jun 20, 2009 at 1:20 PM

Randy

I am at home awaiting your call or instructions. I honestly don't think he is ready for this based on his continued physical weakening and deepening emotional state. It is reminiscent of what Karen, Bush, Travis and I remembered just before he fainted causing the HBO Concerts to be canceled. There are strong signs of paranoia, anxiety and obsessive-like behavior. I think the very best thing we can do is get a top Psychiatrist in to evaluate him ASAP. It's like there are two people there. One (deep inside) trying to hold on to what he was and still can be and not wanting us to quit him, the other in this weakened and troubled state. I am doing my best to be objective, offering as intelligent observation as I can being his friend and a concerned adult. I honestly felt if I had encouraged or allowed him on stage last night he could have hurt himself. I believe we need professional guidance in this matter. Kenny

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**Randy Phillips**  
To: kenny

Sat, Jun 20, 2009 at 1:48 PM

Kenny, it is critical that neither you, me, or anyone around this show become amateur psychiatrists or physicians. I had a lengthy conversation with Dr. Murray, who I am gaining immense respect for as I get to deal with him more. He said that Michael is not only physically equipped to perform and, that discouraging him to, will hasten his decline instead of stopping it. Dr. Murray also reiterated that he is mentally able to and was speaking to me from the house where he had spent the morning with MJ. This doctor is extremely successful (we check everyone out) and does not need this gig so he totally unbiased and ethical.

It is critical that we surround Mike with love and support and listen to how he wants to get ready for July 13th. You cannot imagine the harm and ramifications of stopping this show now. It would far outweigh "calling this game in the 7th inning." I am not just talking about AEG's interests here, but the myriad of stuff and lawsuits swirling around MJ that I crisis manage every day and also his well-being.

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I am meeting with him today at 4pm at the Forum. Please stay steady. Enough alarms have sounded. It is time to put out the fire, not burn the building down. Sorry for all the analogies.

Randy

-----Original Message-----

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To: Randy Phillips

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