

Bournemouth Chamber of Trade & Commerce (BCTC)



Who

In 2016, Bournemouth Chamber of Trade & Commerce welcomed more than 300 guests to celebrate its 100th birthday at Bournemouth International Centre.

Since it was founded in 1916, the BCTC has faithfully pursued its mission to protect, assist and promote the interests of businesses within the Bournemouth area. Membership is open to businesses trading locally and any other organisation involved in improving Bournemouth's commercial and amenities portfolio.

The brief

BCTC wanted to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime, black-tie occasion in a carnival atmosphere, with a lavish drinks reception, three-course gala dinner featuring local produce, with a mix of live entertainment staged throughout the evening.

“This was a landmark event for the chamber, marking 100 years of helping Bournemouth businesses to start up, grow and thrive.

From very small beginnings, we've seen our local economy grow massively. We really did have something to celebrate and BH Live's hospitality and production team made sure we did it in style. We had a fabulous evening.”

Tim Seward, Event Manager

A vibrant, carnival atmosphere, with dinner, dancing and lots of fun.

What we did

We provided bespoke lighting, sound, AV and stage management, liaising with the client to realise their vision of a carnival-themed event.

After a welcome drinks reception with canapés, guests sat down to enjoy a Dorset-themed menu of south coast mackerel cured in black cow vodka and lime, followed by chicken stuffed with Dorset Blue Vinney finished with a New Forest mushroom and smoked bacon sauce. Vegetarians were treated to chef's own wild mushroom and celeriac hotpot. All followed by a chocolate tart topped with Purbeck cherry ice cream.

Guests were entertained throughout the evening, by local dance troupe Samba Panashe, Bournemouth University Big Band, Stagewise School for Performing Arts, a DJ and X Factor finalist, Max Stone. The entirety of the evening was compered by Mr Andy Brennan.

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