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Emily Vaughn, 31

Catering director, Proof on Main/21c Museum Hotel

Vaughn's title doesn't do her justice.

Top business executives and socialites who want to throw a party at Proof or 21c will turn to Vaughn for much more than deciding what to serve for dessert.

"There are places where you will go to the person who books the property, and then you'll go and you get the caterer, and then you'll talk to the linen company — that's all me," Vaughn said.

With the non-stop, nationwide buzz that Proof and 21c have received over the past year, it's no surprise that Vaughn will be busy nearly every night during Derby week.

Vaughn takes care of events ranging from small, intimate dinners at Proof's private dining room to large receptions in the hotel's banquet rooms, which can hold from 25 to 250 people. Come Derby week, the property will play host to events thrown by hotel patrons as well as local people who want to show off a Louisville gem to out-of-town guests.

"We've got groups interested in doing different things and really playing up the fact that they're in this beautiful art gallery," Vaughn said. "The week is going to be busy, but it's going to be fun."

For many Derby VIPs, Vaughn is the one who will make it fun. *JNH*