



**The FIGHTERS : TALES FROM THE CAGE is coming to  
The Lexington Opera House on Tuesday, October 17**

Lexington, KY (August 10, 2023) – Lexington Opera House presents THE FIGHTERS: Tales from the Cage moderated by Vanessa Demopoulos featuring MMA champions Urijah Faber, Lyoto Machida and Henry Cejudo on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:30PM.

Tickets will go on sale Friday, August 11 at 10AM at [lexingtonoperahouse.com](http://lexingtonoperahouse.com).

Come see your favorite MMA Champions in a rare, behind-the-scenes discussion moderated by Vanessa Demopoulos. The Fighters will share personal stories, insider info, life in the ring, life in training, the ups and downs, the good and the bad in an up close and personal setting. The show will have three segments that will include individual interviews, a group chat and an audience Q&A.

EVENT:	THE FIGHTERS: TALES FROM THE CAGE
DATE/TIME:	OCTOBER 17 / 7:30PM
VENUE:	LEXINGTON OPERA HOUSE
TICKETS ON SALE:	AUGUST 11 AT 10AM

**Uriah Faber**, “The California Kid”, a UFC Hall of Famer, is one of the world’s most famous featherweight, a charismatic fighting sensation who ran his professional MMA record to an early 11-1 from 2003-2006. He earned notable victories over Ivan Menjivar and Charles Bennett before winning the WEC Featherweight Championship over Cole Escovedo by TKO on March 17, 2006. Faber currently holds the most wins in the UFC Bantamweight division, and has five successful title defenses. He is also the founder of Team Alpha. Faber is widely regarded as one of MMA’s pioneers for establishing legitimacy to lighter-weight classes. After his retirement on July 6, 2017, Faber was inducted into the UFC Hall of Fame as a part of the Modern-era wing. He came out of retirement in 2019 and defeated Ricky Simón by first-round TKO.

**Lyoto Machida**, “The Dragon” is one of the most skilled and elusive fighters in the history of mixed martial arts. His impressive list of victories includes former UFC Champions Rich Franklin, BJ Penn, Tito Ortiz, Rashad Evans, Mauricio Rua and Randy Couture as well as Thiago Silva, Stephan Bonnar, “The African Assassin” Rameau Thierry Sokoudjou, Ryan Bader and Dan

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Henderson. Machida began his pro MMA career in 2003 and proceeded to win 16 straight fights, which included winning the UFC's light-heavyweight title in 2009, by knocking out Rashad Evans. In 2003, Machida became the first person to defeat Rich Franklin. Machida faced Franklin in what was the latter's 15th pro bout, and stopped the future UFC champion in round two. The fight was just Machida's third pro bout. Machida was awarded four "Knockout of the Night" bonuses, two "Performance of the Night" awards and three "Fight of the Night" honors during his UFC run.

**Henry Cejudo**, an American Mixed Martial Artist, is known for his freestyle wrestling. He is the former Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) flyweight champion and bantamweight champion. He is the fourth UFC fighter who holds titles in two different weight classes. He is the second to defend titles in two different weight divisions. Olympic Gold medalist winner at the 2008 Summer Olympics, a Pan American Championship, and a two-time USA National Team member. Cejudo defended his UFC bantamweight title by knocking out Dominick Cruz in the second round. After winning the match, he announced his retirement from professional fighting, although there was widespread speculation that the retirement would be temporary. Later, he announced that he would come out of retirement to fight Alexander Volkanovski. He has a goal to claim the UFC featherweight championship, which would be his third title in a different weight class. He has recently announced he is ready to jump back into the UFC bantamweight title picture if the opportunity presents itself.

Tickets prices start at \$45 and a limited number of VIP Packages\* priced at \$103.50 are available at [lexingtonoperahouse.com](http://lexingtonoperahouse.com).

\*VIP Package includes a premium seat, meet & greet opportunity and one complimentary beverage.

For more information, follow The Fighters: Tales From the Cage on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TheFightersLive>) Twitter (<https://twitter.com/thefighterslive>) Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/thefighterslive/>) & YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucky1jGT7tLCJ7FJ9qowjXuA>)

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Located in Lexington, Kentucky, the **Lexington Center Corporation** (LCC) is a not-for-profit 501c3 corporate agency of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government. It was established in 1974 to manage and maintain Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center, the Central Bank Center (formerly Lexington Convention Center), Triangle Park, and the Lexington Opera House. One of the nation's most storied

entertainment destinations, Central Bank Center venues collectively welcome an average of 1.3 million patrons annually.

Since 1976, **Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center** has served as the home court of the University of Kentucky men's basketball team, regularly leading the national attendance average. Rupp Arena has hosted legendary artists such as Justin Timberlake, Paul McCartney, Garth Brooks, Chris Stapleton, and many more. Since 2018, Oak View Group and Live Nation Arenas have provided booking services to Rupp Arena. During the last 18 months, Rupp Arena has broken all previous audience attendance and revenue records in its storied 43-year history.

**The Lexington Opera House**, built in 1886 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of the premier performing arts centers in the region. Since its opening, the Opera House has played host to such famous stage performers as W.C. Fields, The Marx Brothers, Al Jolson, Julie Harris, Steve Martin, Brian Wilson, and Graham Nash. It has undergone two major renovations and remains a cultural destination in downtown Lexington.

**The Central Bank Center** holds over 200 meetings, trade shows, and special events annually. It just completed a transformative \$310 million expansion, featuring a dramatic, light-filled architectural design that offers over 200,000 SF of flexible meeting and event space. For more, visit [www.centralbankcenter.com](http://www.centralbankcenter.com) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

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