





MULTI-GRAMMY-WINNING AND PLATINUM-SELLING ARTIST TOBYMAC BRINGING 2023 HITS DEEP TOUR COMING TO RUPP ARENA ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Featuring TobyMac, CROWDER, Cochren & Co., Tasha Layton,

Jon Reddick and Terrian

TICKETS ARE ON SALE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND



LEXINGTON, KY (SEPTEMBER 15, 2022) – Multi-Platinum-selling artist TobyMac and the Awakening Foundation announce the 2023 TobyMac Hits Deep Tour artist line-up featuring TobyMac and the DiverseCity band with support from CROWDER, Cochren & Co., Tasha Layton, Jon Reddick, and Terrian. The annual arena tour features 30 dates and will be a night of music and fun for the entire family beginning on January 26th through March 31st. TobyMac's Hits Deep Tour will

be at Rupp Arena on Thursday, February 23, 2023. Tickets will go on sale next Thursday, September 22nd at Noon ET. <u>Click here</u> to purchase tickets or purchase from rupparena.com.

"The Hits Deep Tour announcement is one of my favorite times of each year," shares Curtis Pinkerton, Director of Marketing, Awakening Events. "This tour has become an annual tradition for us at Awakening Events and for thousands of families across the US. We're honored to once again partner on a national level with our great friends at K-LOVE Radio, Air1 Radio, Food for the Hungry, and Altrua HealthShare, to present TobyMac's Hits Deep Tour 2023."

TobyMac's Hits Deep Tour is an Awakening Foundation event and is supported nationally by K-LOVE Radio, Air1 Radio, Altrua HealthShare, and Food for the Hungry. Fans will hear TobyMac's hits as well as new songs from his recent release LIFE AFTER DEATH, which debuted as *Billboard's* No. 1 Christian and Gospel record of the week during street week.

The Awakening Foundation is not only passionate about creating the best live event experiences but to also invest in each of the local communities where they bring concerts. The Awakening Foundation and Altrua HealthShare have committed to giving more than \$200,000 in 2023 to those around the United States in need.

Kicking off <u>ticket sales</u>, there will be a special Fan Appreciation Launch Discount for 20 percent off standard tickets using the code INSIDER from September 22nd until October 13th. See below for the complete list of tour dates and markets.



ABOUT TOBYMAC: With more than 16 million units in career sales and a whopping seven GRAMMY® Awards, TobyMac's career continues on the fast track. His RIAA Certified Gold studio album, THIS IS NOT A TEST, garnered a GRAMMY® Award and Billboard Music Award nomination on top of debuting at No. 4 on the Billboard Top 200. Each of his six studio solo projects have achieved Gold certification, a first for any artist in the history of his label, Capitol Christian Music Group. Among those is his project EYE ON IT, which debuted atop the Billboard 200, only the third Christian album ever to do so. THE ELEMENTS, his latest GRAMMY® -nominated, a full collection of music, boasted "Everything," "Scars," "Edge of My Seat," "See The Light" and more alongside the chart-topper, RIAA Gold Certified "I just need U." His most recent singles, "21 Years," "Help Is On the Way (Maybe Midnight)," "Promised Land," "The Goodness (feat. Blessing Offor)," "Everything About You (feat. Marlee)" and "Show Up Choose Love (feat. Jon Reddick)," are available wherever you stream music, along with his seventh studio project, LIFE AFTER DEATH.

ABOUT CROWDER: With more than three million records sold and three GRAMMY® Nominations, Crowder's first solo album, Neon Steeple, debuted at No. 8 on the Billboard 200, was named iTunes 2014 Christian Album of the Year, garnered multiple radio hits, a GRAMMY® nomination for "Come As You Are," a Grand Ole Opry debut, a Dove Award, and multiple nods and numerous K-LOVE Fan Award Nominations. American Prodigal, his GRAMMY® nominated follow-up album, released in 2016, landing at No. 1 on the Christian & Gospel Album Chart, No. 3 on the Digital Albums Chart, No. 5 on Billboard's Top Album Sales Chart, and No. 12 on the all-genre, Top 200 Billboard Chart. The song "All My Hope" brought Crowder a No. 1 radio single, in addition to two Top 10 singles prior to that from American Prodigal. His third project, I Know A Ghost, hit No.1 yet again on the Billboard Top Christian Albums Chart, while also earning his third GRAMMY® nomination for Best Contemporary Christian Album. Following in the footsteps of his previous releases, Crowder's latest studio album, Milk & Honey, debuted at No.1 on the Billboard Top Christian/Gospel Albums Chart, bringing about a record-breaking year of music for the Texarkana-native upon its arrival. Nominated for Pop/Contemporary Recorded Song of the Year at the 2021 Dove Awards, the project's lead single-turned-smash hit, "Good God Almighty," not only peaked at No.1 at Christian radio but also sat at the top of the Billboard Christian Songs Chart for five consecutive weeks and landed Crowder his first No. 1 on Billboard's Hot Christian Songs chart. Continuing the success, the album's sophomore single, "In The House," became Crowder's fourth No.1 at radio in February-marking his first time having multiple, consecutive singles from the same album reach the top of the chart, overall. With recent press highlights including GMA, Fox & Friends, Wall Street Journal, PEOPLE Magazine, SPIN, American Songwriter, and many more, Crowder released the the18-track expansion 'Milk & Honey (Deluxe)' on March 4.

ABOUT AWAKENING FOUNDATION: The Awakening Foundation exists to share the message of hope and resources with individuals and families in local and international communities by bringing together artists, fans, and like-minded organizations through live events and missional endeavors to serve and empower those in need. All Awakening Foundation events are powered by Awakening Events. Consistently ranked among the top promoters in America, and reaching as high as No. 3 in the world in total tickets sold Awakening Events is a leader in the live faith-based entertainment industry. Be sure to find out more at AwakeningFoundation.com.

ABOUT K-LOVE: K-LOVE creates compelling media designed to inspire and encourage audiences to have a meaningful relationship with Christ. K-LOVE is listener-supported and delivers positive and encouraging music and messages through nearly 600 signals across all 50 states, the K-LOVE App, smart devices, klove.com, and K-LOVE On Demand. For more information on K-LOVE, please visit klove.com.

ABOUT AIR1: Like its parent company (Educational Media Foundation) and sister station (K-LOVE), Air1 exists to create compelling media that inspires and encourages audiences to have a meaningful relationship with Christ. Broadcast on more than 300 signals nationwide, and streaming around the world on Air1.com, the Air1 Radio App, iHeartRadio, Alexa, Siri, TuneIn, Roku, and more, Air1 is always there to welcome you and help you "worship through it."

ABOUT ALTRUA HEALTHSHARE: Altrua HealthShare is part of Altrua Ministries, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. As a nationally recognized, faith-based Health Care Sharing Ministry of individuals and families, a collaborative community of health-conscious people, providers, dentists, nurses, staff and members, we are dedicated to a single purpose: improving your health by "Caring for One Another." Our membership opportunities are developed and based on Biblical principles established for living a healthy and honorable lifestyle, and members must believe in our Statement of Standards to join. Find out more at https://altruahealthshare.org/.

ABOUT FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY: Food for the Hungry (FH) is a Christian humanitarian organization ending all forms of human poverty by providing life-changing development programs, disaster relief, and advocacy. For over 50 years, FH has been working to respond to human suffering and graduate communities from extreme poverty into self-sustainability within a decade. By creating context-specific solutions in education, agriculture, health, livelihood, clean water, and disaster risk reduction, the nonprofit focuses on transformational development, investing in children as the key to lifting entire communities out of poverty. With 99% of staff working in their country of origin, FH works side by side with local leaders, churches, and families to implement innovative solutions. The

organization currently serves in over 20 countries worldwide. For more information, follow FH on Instagram and Twitter, or visit www.fh.org.

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About Central Bank Center

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 or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

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