

**KENTUCKY RISING CONCERT FEATURING CHRIS STAPLETON, DWIGHT YOAKAM AND TYLER CHILDERS TO BE HELD **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT RUPP ARENA****

**TICKETS ON-SALE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 10:00 AM EST**



Lexington, KY (September 12, 2022) — “**Kentucky Rising**,” a special one-night-only benefit concert featuring some of Eastern Kentucky’s biggest names in music, will be held at **Lexington’s Rupp Arena** on **October 11**. Organized in response to the devastating flooding in the Kentucky region earlier this summer, the event will feature performances by **Chris Stapleton, Dwight Yoakam** and **Tyler Childers**.

Tickets go on-sale this Friday, September 16. Details can be found at [KentuckyRising.com](https://KentuckyRising.com).

Citi® is the official pre-sale credit card of “Kentucky Rising.” As such, Citi® cardmembers will have access to purchase pre-sale tickets beginning Tuesday, September 13th at 10:00am local time until Thursday, September 15th 10:00pm local time through Citi Entertainment. For complete presale details visit [citi.com/entertainment](https://citi.com/entertainment).

100% of net proceeds from the concert will benefit the “Kentucky Rising Fund” to support flood relief work and recovery efforts in Eastern Kentucky; including support for the many victims, their families and first responders. Under guidance from the Blue Grass Community Foundation, the “Kentucky Rising Fund” will strategically support both immediate needs and long-term recovery projects as they emerge.

A special thanks to event partners Live Nation, Blue Grass Community Foundation, Oak View Group, Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center, WBUL/iHeartRadio and Bourbon & Beyond.

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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](http://www.centralbankcenter.com) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

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