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**LYNYRD SKYNYRD AND ZZ TOP ANNOUNCE CONTINUATION OF  
THE SHARP DRESSED SIMPLE MAN TOUR WITH A STOP IN LEXINGTON, KY  
AT RUPP ARENA ON THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024**  
*Black Stone Cherry To Open Performance*

**General On Sale Set for Friday, November 3 10AM Local Time**  
**Artist Presale Goes Live Tuesday, October 31 at 10AM Local Time**

LEXINGTON, KY (October 30, 2023) — Today, the titans of American classic rock **Lynyrd Skynyrd** and **ZZ Top** have announced 36 additional appearances of their joint co-headlining tour – **The Sharp Dressed Simple Man Tour**. The tour kicks off on Friday, March 8 at Enmarket Arena in Savannah, GA, and will stop on Thursday, March 28 in Lexington, KY at Rupp Arena. A second leg of appearances will commence on August 15 in Syracuse, NY and continues through September 22 in Ridgefield, WA. The artist pre-sale begins on Tuesday, October 31 at 10AM local time, and will be available until 10PM local time on Thursday, November 2. The public on-sale begins at 10AM local time on Friday, November 3. For tickets, and select VIP packages, visit <https://www.lynyrdskynyrd.com/#tour>.

**LYNYRD SKYNYRD & ZZ TOP: THE SHARP DRESSED SIMPLE MAN TOUR DATES:**

3/08	Savannah, GA	Enmarket Arena
3/09	Estero, FL	Hertz Arena

3/14	Greenville, SC	Bon Secours Wellness Arena
3/15	Knoxville, TN	Thompson-Boiling Arena at Food City Ctr.
3/16	Columbia, SC	Colonial Life Arena
3/22	Bossier City, LA	Brookshire Grocery Arena
3/23	Southhaven, MS	Landers Center
3/24	Macon, GA	Macon Amphitheater
<b>3/28</b>	<b>Lexington, KY</b>	<b>Rupp Arena</b>
3/29	Greensboro, NC	Greensboro Coliseum
3/30	Charleston, WV	Charleston Coliseum
4/04	Biloxi, MS	Mississippi Coast Coliseum
4/05	Tallahassee, FL	Donald L. Tucker Civic Center
4/06	Huntsville, AL	Propst Arena at the Von Braun Center
4/12	Evansville, IN	Ford Center
4/13	Moline, IL	Vibrant Arena
4/14	Green Bay, WI	Resch Center
4/18	North Little Rock, AR	Simmons Bank Arena
4/19	Lafayette, LA	Cajundome
4/20	Corpus Christi, TX	American Bank Center
8/09	Mount Pleasant, MI	Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort #
8/15	Syracuse, NY	Empower FCU Amphitheater at Lakeview
8/16	Bethel, NY	Bethel Woods Center for the Arts
8/17	Mansfield, MA	Xfinity Center
8/22	Wantagh, NY	Northwell Health at Jones Beach Theater
8/23	Gilford, NH	Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion
8/24	Hartford, CT	The Xfinity Theatre
9/05	Alpharetta, GA	Ameris Bank Amphitheater
9/07	Virginia Beach, VA	Veterans United Home Loans Amph. at Virginia Beach
9/08	Bristow, VA	Jiffy Lube Live
9/12	Darien Center, NY	Darien Lake Amphitheater
9/13	Clarkston, MI	Pine Knob Music Theatre
9/14	Noblesville, IN	Ruoff Music Center
9/19	Concord, CA	Toyota Pavilion at Concord
9/21	Auburn, WA	White River Amphitheater
9/22	Ridgefield, WA	RV Inn Style Resorts Amphitheater

# - No Support – Pre-Sale and On-Sale Dates TBD

### About ZZ Top:

“That Little Ol’ Band From Texas” has been at it for well over a half century delivering rock, blues and boogie on stage and studio to millions of devoted fans. With iconography as distinctive as their sound, ZZ TOP is globally recognized with their beards, hotrod cars, spinning guitars and that magic keychain, all of which transcend geography and language.

It was in 1969 Houston when ZZ TOP coalesced from the core of two rival bands, Billy Gibbons’ Moving Sidewalks and Frank Beard and Dusty Hill’s American Blues. ZZ Top’s 1973 release, *Tres Hombres*, catapulted them to national attention with the hit “La Grange,” still one of the band’s signature pieces today. *Eliminator*, their 1983 album was something of a paradigm shift for ZZ TOP. Their roots blues skew was intact and added to the mix came their hightech-

age trappings that soon found a visual outlet with such tracks as “Sharp Dressed Man” and “Legs” on the nascent MTV. It was one of the record industry’s first albums to have been certified Diamond, far beyond Gold and Platinum, a reflection of sales exceeding 10 million units.

As a touring outfit, they’ve been without peer over the past five decades, having performed before millions of fans over four continents and have been the subject of their own Grammy-nominated documentary titled *That Little Ol’ Band From Texas*. The band’s line-up of the bearded Gibbons and Hill and Beard, who ironically is clean shaven, remained intact for more than 50 years. When Dusty temporarily departed the tour in the summer of 2021, Elwood Francis entered the picture accepting the directive from Dusty to be the perfect choice to stand in on the bass-guitar and now handles the low-end duties for the band for the present as well as into the future.

The elements that keep ZZ TOP fresh, enduring can be summed up in the three words of the band’s internal mantra: “Tone, Taste and Tenacity”. As genuine roots performers, they have few peers. Their influences are both the originators of the form – Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Jimmy Reed, et al – as well as the British blues rockers and Jimi Hendrix who emerged generations before ZZ’s ascendance.

They have sold hundreds of millions of records over the course of their career, have been officially designated as Heroes of The State of Texas, inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (by Keith Richards, no less) and have been referenced in countless cartoons and sitcoms. They are true rock icons and, against all odds, they’re really just doing what they’ve always done. ZZ TOP abides!

### **About Lynyrd Skynyrd:**

As Lynyrd Skynyrd celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the band’s critically acclaimed debut album ‘Pronounced ‘Lēh-‘nérd ‘Skin-‘nérd,’ they resonate as deeply with their multi-generational fan base today as when they first emerged out of Jacksonville, Florida in 1973. Few ensembles have had the deep impact in creating a lifestyle as Skynyrd has. The band travels forward with a primary mission of celebrating a legacy that honors all whom have had a resonating contribution to the lives of hundreds of millions of fans globally. Former members Ronnie Van Zant, Gary Rossington, Allen Collins, Steve Gaines, Ed King, Billy Powell, Bob Burns, and Leon Wilkeson alongside others will forever remain significant contributors to this indelible repertoire and the band’s colorful history. Today, Lynyrd Skynyrd rocks on with a current line-up featuring Johnny Van Zant, Rickey Medlocke, Damon Johnson, Mark “Sparky” Matejka, Michael Cartellone, Keith Christopher, Peter Keys, Carol Chase and Stacy Michelle.

The rock and roll powerhouse continually tours, and as Van Zant shares, “It’s about the legacy of Lynyrd Skynyrd, and what it stands for, what the fans are all about. There’s nothing like getting out there playing a great show with Skynyrd and seeing people love this music.”

With a catalog of over 60 albums, billions of streams, and tens of millions of records sold, Rock & Roll Hall of Famers Lynyrd Skynyrd remain a cultural icon that appeal to all generations.

Lynyrd Skynyrd is presented by Hell House Whiskey. The American spirit pays homage to the famous cabin where the band crafted countless legendary songs. In partnership with Bespoken, a visionary craft whiskey maker recognized for its extraordinary achievements and a remarkable collection of over 150 medals within a mere three-year span, this American Whiskey is made with the same dedicated craftsmanship and bold character that Lynyrd Skynyrd has brought to rock and roll. Hell House Whiskey is available online at [www.hellhousewhiskey.com](http://www.hellhousewhiskey.com) and at retail in many states across The U.S.

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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

**About OVG360:**

OVG360, a division of Oak View Group, is a full-service venue management and hospitality company that helps client-partners reimagine the sports, live entertainment, and convention industries for the betterment of the venue, employees, artists, athletes, and surrounding communities. With a portfolio of more than 240 client-partners spanning arenas, stadiums, convention centers, performing arts centers, cultural institutions, and state fairs around the globe, OVG360 provides a set of services, resources and expertise designed to elevate every aspect of business that matters to venue operators. Service-oriented and driven by social responsibility, OVG360 helps facilities drive value through excellence and innovation in food services, booking and content development, sustainable operations, public health and public safety and more.