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**MIKE CAMPBELL & THE DIRTY KNOBS WILL PLAY  
AT THE LEXINGTON OPERA HOUSE ON  
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024**



Tickets go on sale Friday, March 8, at 10AM via  
[ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and [centralbankcenter.com](https://www.centralbankcenter.com)  
Presales start Wednesday, March 6, at 10AM

**LEXINGTON, KY (March 5, 2024)** - Iconic guitarist and songwriter **Mike Campbell** (Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, Fleetwood Mac) and his band **The Dirty Knobs** will perform at the **Lexington Opera House on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 8PM** as part of their 2024 Summer Tour.

Performing songs off their first two records *Wreckless Abandon* (2020) and *External Combustion* (2022), as well as classics from his beloved previous band, **Campbell** will be joined by Heartbreakers drummer **Steve Ferrone**, guitarist/keyboardist **Chris Holt** and bassist **Lance Morrison**.

What began as a less structured project for Campbell in between The Heartbreakers' touring became a full-time project following the passing of Campbell's longtime compatriot, friend and bandmate Tom Petty and his performances with Fleetwood Mac on their 2018-2019 World Tour.

Mike Campbell & The Dirty Knobs have spent the last three years touring the country headlining legendary venues such as the **Fillmore** in San Francisco, CA and **Capitol Theatre** in Port Chester, NY while also supporting icons including **Chris Stapleton, The Who** and **Willie Nelson**.

In September 2023, Mike Campbell & The Dirty Knobs, along with fellow Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers founding member **Benmont Tench**, were the backing band to musical legend **Bob Dylan** in his surprise appearance at Farm Aid 2023 – his first time back since the festival’s inaugural event in 1985. Performing his hits “Maggie’s Farm,” “Positively 4<sup>th</sup> Street,” and “Ballad of a Thin Man,” attendees saw Dylan play the guitar for the first time in many years, marking the entire performance as a moment which Rolling Stone dubbed “the highlight of an epic show.”

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### **ABOUT MIKE CAMPBELL:**

Mike Campbell was a member, architect and co-captain of the Heartbreakers, a band he co-founded with Tom Petty, whom he met in a Gainesville, Florida carport in 1972. The Heartbreakers lead guitarist, Campbell co-wrote many of the Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers hits and also co-produced many of their albums – in addition to penning songs for Don Henley (“Boys of Summer”), Bob Dylan, Stevie Nicks and playing on records by Aretha Franklin, Roy Orbison and Johnny Cash.

In 2018, Campbell joined Fleetwood Mac’s World Tour on lead guitar and in 2020, Campbell released *Wreckless Abandon*, the first album by The Dirty Knobs, a group that was Campbell longtime side project but is now his primary musical focus. Their sophomore LP *Extrernal Combustion* was released in 2022.

### **MIKE CAMPBELL & THE DIRTY KNOBS LIVE**

April 26—Eureka Springs, AR—The Auditorium  
April 27—Tulsa, OK—Carney Fest  
June 21—Skokie, IL—Off North Shore: Skokie Music Festival\*  
June 22—Nashville, IN—Brown County Music Center  
June 24—Kansas City, MO—Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts  
June 26—Bloomington, IL—Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts  
**June 27—Lexington, KY—Lexington Opera House**  
July 1—Madison, WI—Barrymore Theatre  
July 3—Des Moines, IA—Hoyt Sherman  
July 5—St. Paul, MN—Fitzgerald Theater  
July 6—Sioux City, IA—Saturday In The Park  
July 9—Cincinnati, OH—Taft Theatre  
July 11—Newark, OH—Midland Theatre

July 13—Midland, MI—Midland Center for the Arts  
July 14—Detroit, MI—Sound Board at MotorCity Casino Hotel  
July 16—Toronto, ON—Danforth Music Hall

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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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