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PANTERA: Heavy Metal Icons Announce Second Leg Of North American Celebration Tour With Special Guests Lamb Of God

*Tickets On Sale This Friday, November 17th At 10:00am Local Time at
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Lexington, Ky. (November 13, 2023) – Heavy metal icons **PANTERA** will return to the stage this February on the second leg of their North American headlining tour including a stop in **downtown Lexington at Rupp Arena on Wednesday, February 7, 2024**. The journey follows the band’s massively successful twenty-city run this past Summer, a tour which stood as one of the most anticipated tours of 2023, as well as their dates supporting Metallica. Featuring classic members, vocalist Philip H. Anselmo and bassist Rex Brown, alongside guitarist Zakk Wylde and drummer Charlie Benante, the latest stretch of live dates continues the celebration of the lives of late founding members, drummer Vinnie Paul and guitarist Dimebag Darrell.

The trek, which will commence on February 3rd in Sunrise, Florida, runs through fourteen cities, coming to a close on February 27th in Quebec City, Quebec. The band will again be joined by special guests, acclaimed metal powerhouse Lamb Of God, with additional support acts to be announced in the weeks to come.

Comments Anselmo, "Looking forward to jamming with everybody! These shows mean a lot and we aim to kick ass! Love y'all!"

Adds Brown, "We're really excited to announce new dates in 2024. Looking forward to bringing the show to some cities we missed in 2023. Come jam!"

Ticket presales and VIP upgrades begin Tuesday, November 14th at 10:00am local time. General on sale date is Friday, November 17th at 10:00am local time at [LIVENATION.COM](https://www.livenation.com).

PANTERA was recently confirmed to play the 2024 edition of Download Festival. The performance will mark the band's first UK appearance in three decades! Additionally, fans can catch **PANTERA** supporting Metallica on the remaining dates of their North American stadium tour this August.

*"When a newly restructured **PANTERA** took the stage at Milwaukee's American Family Insurance Amphitheater, the chorus of cheers that greeted them was a voluminous mix of both excitement and disbelief." -- Illinois Entertainer*

*"...a true tribute to the legacy of the Abbott brothers and the music they helped create. It is also a gift to the many fans that have gotten goosebumps from the raw power that **PANTERA** is able to harness like no other band." -- The Intelligencer*

"...an emotional tribute to the music the quartet made." -- TribLIVE

*"Anselmo, Brown, Wylde, and Benante masterfully honored the band's legacy while embracing a new chapter, standing as a testament to the indomitable spirit of heavy metal. In a genre defined by resilience, **PANTERA**'s triumphant return is nothing short of remarkable." -- All Music Magazine*

*"As **PANTERA** closed its set with the opening riff of 'Cowboys From Hell' playing behind them, Anselmo asked the packed stadium who would come to see them in the future. The response would be one of the evening's loudest." -- Dallas Observer*

Creators of the "power groove," **PANTERA** got their start in Arlington, Texas with its best-known lineup, consisting of founding members and brothers, drummer Vinnie Paul and guitarist Dimebag Darrell, with bassist Rex Brown and vocalist Philip H. Anselmo. The group would become one of the most successful and influential bands in heavy metal history. To date, **PANTERA** has sold 20 million records worldwide and has received four Grammy nominations along with sold out arena tours across the globe.

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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.

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