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**COMEDIAN PAULA POUNDSTONE ANNOUNCES TOUR
STOP AT THE LEXINGTON OPERA HOUSE ON SATURDAY,
MARCH 9, 2024**

**TICKETS ON SALE AT 10AM, FRIDAY, 9/1 AT:
lexingtonoperahouse.com**

LEXINGTON, KY (August 28, 2023) - Iconic comedian Paula Poundstone has added a stop at the Lexington Opera House on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Known for her smart, observational humor and legendary spontaneous wit, Paula is the star of several HBO specials, including *Cats, Cops and Stuff*, and *Paula Poundstone Goes to Harvard*. Paula is a regular panelist on NPR's comedy news quiz, *Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!* She is heard weekly on her successful comedy podcast. *Nobody Listens to Paula Poundstone*.

Also, an author, Paula's second book, *The Totally Unscientific Study Of The Search For Human Happiness* (Algonquin), was one of eight semi-finalists for The Thurber Prize for American Humor, the highest recognition of the art of humor writing in the United States. The audiobook was one of five finalists in all genres for the Audio Book of the Year AUDIE award.

Paula was the first female comic in its then 73rd year to perform standup at the White House Correspondents Dinner. Her HBO special, *Cats, Cops and Stuff*, marked the first time a female comedian won Best Comedy Special in the then 5th year of the Cable Ace Awards. Paula's awards and accolades make a long list, and she is included in innumerable documentaries and literary compendiums noting influential comedians of our time.

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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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