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RUPP ARENA RANKS #33 IN THE US AND #57 WORLDWIDE FOR TICKETS SOLD IN 2023 ACCORDING TO POLLSTAR

**The Leading Publication for Live Entertainment Declares
Rupp Arena as one of the Top National Arenas**



LEXINGTON, KY (December 14, 2023) – Rupp Arena is the number 33 ranked arena in the U.S. and 57 worldwide, based on tickets sold to non-sporting events for 2023, according to Pollstar Magazine. Rupp finished ahead of arenas in major markets including San Francisco, Cincinnati, Louisville, Denver and more, moving up 14 spots nationally in just one year. This achievement highlights the dedication and exceptional efforts of the Oak View Group team in downtown and the viability of the market to attract top touring artists.

Acknowledged as the most credible source for industry and box office data, Pollstar evaluates arenas across the nation on criteria such as attendance, ticket sales, and overall event experience. The inclusion at such a high-rank applauds Rupp Arena's established status as a premier destination for live entertainment and sports.

The end of the year is always a time for reflection, the OVG360 staff at Rupp Arena are pleased to report that 2023 was a record-breaking year by having the most ticketed events in Rupp Arena history (surpassing the

previous record in 1980)! These events included notable sellout shows of: Journey, Kane Brown, Lizzo, Kenny Chesney, Lil Wayne, Guns N' Roses, Brooks & Dunn, Parker McCollum, Jonas Brothers, A Boogie Wit da Hoodie, Jelly Roll, Eagles, Jack Harlow, and two back-to-back nights of Tyler Childers. Simply put, 2023 has been the busiest year in Rupp Arena history!

"We would like to thank our Oak View Group and Live Nation Arena partners, promoters, agents, and artists who we had the pleasure of working alongside this year," said OVG360's Trevor Chesler, Director of Booking.

"This recognition is a true testament to our outstanding team who puts in the work. We cannot wait to see where we go from here as we look to create more *Positive DisRUPPtions* in 2024!"

As we celebrate this important milestone, Rupp Arena remains motivated to continue providing excellent entertainment experiences throughout 2024, hosting a diverse range of events. Upcoming event details and ticket links can be found at www.rupparena.com. 2024 Rupp Arena shows on sale are listed below.

January 5-6, 2024 – Professional Bull Riding
January 12, 2024 – Harlem Globetrotters 2024 World Tour
February 2, 2024 – Jo Koy World Tour
February 4, 2024 – Winter Jam 2024 Tour
February 7, 2024 – Pantera
February 12, 2024 – WWE Monday Night Raw
February 19, 2024 – Disturbed
March 8, 2024 – Riley Green
March 10, 2024 – Drake With J. Cole
March 24, 2024 – Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias
March 28, 2024- Lynyrd Skynyrd & ZZ Top
March 30, 2024 – Fall Out Boy
April 12, 2024 – Cody Johnson
April 18-21 – Disney On Ice
May 10, 2024 – Nate Bargatze
June 1, 2024 – Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour
June 6, 2024 – Lauren Daigle
June 15, 2024 – Tim McGraw
July 24, 2024 – Olivia Rodrigo
August 1, 2024 – Blink-182

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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.

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.