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**WANDA SYKES ANNOUNCES  
PLEASE & THANK YOU TOUR  
IS COMING TO THE  
LEXINGTON OPERA HOUSE  
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



**General on sale begins Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10AM local**

**LEXINGTON, KY (October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023) - Wanda Sykes returns to the road with her *Please & Thank You* tour coming to Lexington, KY at the Lexington Opera House on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024!**

**Tickets go on presale beginning Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am local and general on sale starts Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10AM local at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) and [wandasykes.com](https://www.wandasykes.com).**

Sykes is nominated for two 2023 Primetime Emmy Awards for her latest Netflix *Special Wanda Sykes; I'm an Entertainer* - "Outstanding Variety, Music or Comedy Special" and "Outstanding Writing for a Variety, Music or Comedy Special."

"I've been doing dates sporadically throughout the years, but this time I'm doing a legit tour, and I'm very excited about it" said Sykes.

#### **ABOUT WANDA SYKES:**

**WANDA SYKES** is an Emmy winning, fourteen-time nominated stand-up comic, writer, actress and producer. She can currently be seen in season four of the Netflix comedy *The Upshaws* which she co-show runs and stars in. In 2020, she was nominated for an Emmy for her role as 'Moms Mabley' in *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* and for her voice work as 'Gladys Murphy' in *Crank Yankers*, a role she originated in 2004. Wanda's guest-starring role on ABC's *Black-ish* also brought her two back-to-back Emmy nominations for "Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series" in 2017 and 2018. Her fifth standup special, *Wanda Sykes: Not Normal*, streaming on Netflix and was nominated for two 2019 Primetime Emmy Awards; "Outstanding Variety, Music or Comedy Special" and "Outstanding Writing for a Variety, Music or Comedy Special." The special also received a Broadcast Critic Award nomination.

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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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