



PRESS RELEASES

SPRINT CENTER ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING WEEK FESTIVITIES

Downtown Arena set to Open with Fanfare

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (October 5, 2007) -- Sprint Center, in partnership with the City of Kansas City and National Association of Basketball Coaches, today announced festivities to celebrate Sprint Center's grand opening week October 10-13, 2007. The celebration will begin with a ceremonial ribbon cutting scheduled for Oct. 10 at 10:10 a.m.

"Today is the result of hard work from many individuals throughout the past two-plus years," said Brenda Tinnen Sprint Center General Manager. "Sprint Center will become a showcase for the region and is a state-of-the-art reflection of the spirit of Kansas City."

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will feature musical delights from the Kansas City Symphony. Doors open to the general public immediately following the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 10 and will be open through 10:10 p.m. Guests will proceed to Sprint Center's Box Office to obtain tickets for entry to the Open House. Sprint Center will be accepting a \$5 suggested charitable donation to the NABC Foundation at the discretion of each guest. Visitors will receive a Sprint Center information guide featuring arena amenities on both the Main and Upper Concourses and a parking map. Sprint Center staff will be available to answer questions.

Guests are encouraged to attend the open house as throughout the day, Sprint Center operations will change the arena floor from hockey to basketball to concert. In addition, "The Moons" public art by artist Chris Doyle will be dedicated at 6 p.m. near the south end of Sprint Center Box Office near 14th and Grand Boulevard.

"Downtown's revival has been going on for several years," said Mayor Mark Funkhouser. "It has made incremental steps through the energy of its nearest neighborhoods, the growth of its residential market and the decisions of both large and small businesses to move to or remain at the center of our metropolitan area. On Wednesday, we will take a big leap as we open this world-class arena to the public. The synergy between Sprint Center and the Power and Light District will again give people a reason to come downtown and spend some time."

On Friday, Oct. 12, Sprint Center Opening Week festivities continue with the running of the American Royal Cattle Drive. The Cattle Drive begins at noon at 10th and Grand and ends at near 14th and Grand. Concessions will be available on the Grand Boulevard Plaza and the public is encouraged to a special performance by Jessica Andrews. Jessica Andrews launched her career with her 1999 and has won the Academy Of Country Music's Top New Female Vocalist award. Andrews has scored a series of memorable hits including the #1 country smash "Who I Am," and shared stages with the likes of Tim McGraw, Faith Hill and Trisha Yearwood.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, doors for the Elton John show will open two hours prior to the concert at 6 p.m. Elton John concertgoers are encouraged to arrive early and allow time for parking. A brief fireworks show will immediately follow the conclusion of the Elton John concert.

In addition to the Elton John grand opening concert on October 13, Sprint Center has announces events and performances by WWE SMACKDOWN and ECW (October 23), Rascal Flatts (October 25), Van Halen featuring Kymani Marley (October 26), So You Think You Can Dance (October 27), Garth Brooks (November 14), CBE Classic (November 19-20), Blue Man Group (November 23), Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour! (November 30-December 2), Hannah Montana (December 3), Billy Joel (December 6), Trans-Siberian Orchestra (December 8); Ohio University vs. University of Kansas (December 15), Florida A & M vs. Kansas State University (December 17), Harlem Globetrotters (January 3-6), AVP-Hot Winter Nights Tour (January 12) and Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship (March 13-16).

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About Sprint Center

Sprint Center is Kansas City's new home for sports, concerts, family show, collegiate competitions, tournaments and special events. An anchor to a revitalized downtown Kansas City, Sprint Center is a unique public/private partnership between the City of Kansas City and AEG.

Sprint Center will host more than 90 public events throughout the year – and feature smaller rooms for private meetings, seminars, receptions, charity functions, graduations and other special events. Nearly one million guests are expected to visit Sprint Center in its inaugural year. For more information, visit www.sprintcenter.com.

About the City of Kansas City, Mo.

The nation's 36th largest city in population and the 13th largest in land area, the Kansas City metro has more than 1.8 million residents. Located near the geographic and population centers of the nation, it truly is the "Heart of America." At the heart of it all is the single largest development in the Midwestern United States: Sprint Center, Kansas City's new downtown arena, and the adjacent entertainment and retail project, The Power & Light District. The Power and Light District, a Cordish Company development, will transform the seven-block area between Municipal Auditorium and Bartle Hall and Sprint Center at 14th Street and Grand Boulevard into approximately 450,000 square feet of retail and entertainment in its initial phase. The Power and Light District will be a vital link to downtown's existing and future attractions and will include the \$140 million H&R Block world headquarter offices, the \$200 million Kansas City Star printing facility, the \$295 million Performing Arts Center, the \$276 million Sprint Center and the \$850 million Entertainment District.

Major sports spectators can enjoy baseball with the Royals, football with the Chiefs and NASCAR racing at Kansas City's recently built speedway. However, Kansas City is perhaps best known for its steaks, barbecue and jazz. With more than 60 barbecue restaurants and numerous competitions, it is arguably the nation's barbecue capital. Kansas City serves as headquarters of Hallmark Cards, Sprint Corp., Russell Stover Candies, YRC Worldwide, H&R Block, AMC Entertainment, American Century Investments, DST Systems, Ferrellgas Partners, Great Plains Energy, Black and Veatch, Cerner and numerous other businesses. A new entertainment and sports venue, a vibrant entertainment district and major investment occurring in downtown - a winning combination for a new Kansas City. Visit the City's Web site at kcmo.org.

About AEG

AEG is one of the leading sports and entertainment presenters in the world. AEG, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Anschutz Company, owns or controls a collection of companies including facilities such as STAPLES Center (Los Angeles, CA), NOKIA Theatre Times Square, NOKIA Theatre at Grand Prairie (TX), the El Rey Theatre (Hollywood, CA), the WaMu Theatre (Seattle, WA), Target Center (Minneapolis, MN) and three just opened arenas, Sprint Center (Kansas City, MO), Prudential Center (Newark, NJ) and The O2, a 28-acre development located in the eastern part of London along the Thames River which includes a 20,000 seat arena and over 650,000 sf of leisure and entertainment use; sports franchises throughout the world including the Los Angeles Kings (NHL), Los Angeles Riptide (MLL), the Los Angeles Galaxy and Houston Dynamo (MLS) in addition to overseeing privately held management shares of the Los Angeles Lakers (NBA). AEG developed and operates The Home Depot Center, a \$150 million national training facility on the Campus of California State University Dominguez Hills in Carson, Calif. designated as an "Official U.S. Olympic Training Site" by the United States Olympic Committee that includes major facilities for soccer, tennis, track & field, cycling, lacrosse, rugby, action sports, beach volleyball, basketball and other sports. AEG's live entertainment division, AEG LIVE is one of the world's leading concert promotion and touring companies.

AEG is overseeing the development of L.A. LIVE, a 4 million square foot/\$2.5 billion downtown Los Angeles sports, residential & entertainment district featuring NOKIA Theatre L.A. LIVE, a 7,100-seat state-of-the-art live theatre which opened this October, a 54-story, 1001-room convention center "headquarters" hotel, Club NOKIA at L.A. LIVE, a 2,400 capacity live music venue, a 14-screen Regal Cineplex, "broadcast" facilities for ESPN, along with entertainment, restaurant, residential and office space and additional arenas, O2 World, on a 45-acre site in the heart of Berlin, Citizen's Business Bank Arena in Ontario, California and in Las Vegas, Nevada.

About The College Basketball Experience at Sprint Center

The College Basketball Experience at Sprint Center is a state-of-the-art entertainment facility that contains hands-on, interactive basketball activities and houses the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame. The world-class attraction located in Kansas City, MO features experiential exhibits that immerse fans in the game of basketball, as well as special tributes that celebrate the history of men's collegiate basketball. The CBE is operated by the NABC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Information is available at www.collegebasketballexperience.com.