

Katt Williams brings laughs with 'Heaven on Earth Tour' set for fans at the FedExForum

Tickets now on sale.

MEMPHIS, TN - World renowned comedian, actor and writer Katt Williams announced he is bringing the Heaven on Earth Tour to FedExForum on Saturday, February 22.

Tickets for the Heaven on Earth Tour are now on sale to and are available through Ticketmaster or the FedExForum Box Office.

With a career spanning over 20 years, Williams has earned a worldwide reputation as one of today's top entertainers, having developed a career seeded with thousands of sold-out arenas, an expansive list of starring roles on the small screen and memorable performances in major box office hits.

Since performing his first stand-up show as a teenager, Williams took the comedy world by storm. He quickly developed a unique style of stand-up that combines articulate and sharp dialogue rooted in conversations reflecting the American political landscape. By 1999, he had cultivated a loyal fan base and was performing on some of the most notable comedy stages across the nation.

In 2002, Williams made his on-screen debut as a guest star on "NYPD Blue" and subsequently landed his first feature film role as Money Mike in "Friday After Next." His extensive filmography includes notable roles in "Father Figures," "Norbit,"

"Scary Movie V," "Epic Movie," "Bastards," "The House Next Door: Meet the Blacks 2," "Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore," "The Boondocks," "Wild 'n Out" and a guest role in the critically acclaimed series "Atlanta," which earned him a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series.

Celebrated for his brilliance and ingenuity on stage, Williams is also known for his critically acclaimed stand-up specials, including "The Pimp Chronicles," "It's Pimpin' Pimpin'," "Katt Williams: Pimpadelic," "American Hustle," "Priceless: Afterlife," "Kattpacalypse," "Katt Williams: Great America" and "Katt Williams: World War III."

FedExForum has a clear bag policy that limits the size and types of bags that may be brought into the venue for all events. Only clear bags made of plastic, vinyl, or PVC no larger than 6x8x2 inches will be allowed inside FedExForum. Clear bags may not have an all-over print or decoration that prohibits full view of its contents. Clear bags may contain a strap, but metal or chain straps are prohibited. Guests will be limited to one (1) clear bag per person. For more information, visit fedexforum.com/arena-policy-updates.

Mayors match-up for 2024 Heal the Hood Foundation Basketball Celebrity weekend

Former Memphis Grizzlies star Tony Allen to be honored

Memphis student athletes break numerous records in the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR)

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women's cross country, men's cross country, men's tennis, women's tennis, women's golf, men's golf, men's track and field, women's track and field, mixed rifle, softball, women's soccer, volleyball and men's basketball.

In the multi-year APR score, an average of the 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years, a record six teams earned a perfect score of 1,000 – men's golf, women's golf, women's

versity have much to be proud of and we congratulate our student-athletes on their continued success in the classroom," Interim Athletic Director Jeff Crane remarked. "Evident by this year's record-breaking performance, our Center for Athletic Academic Success, coaches, staff and, most importantly, our student-athletes continue to make classroom success a priority."

The APR provides a real-time look at a program's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation and provides a measure of each team's academic performance.

The latest APR release is not the only metric showcasing how Memphis student-athletes are prioritizing academic success.

This past spring, Memphis student-athletes set the all-time departmental grade point average record with a 3.395. It also marked the 22nd-consecutive term with a 3.0 or higher departmental GPA and was the fifth-straight semester with a 3.2 or higher GPA.

In the spring, the Tigers had 273 student-athletes with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, 156 earn Dean's List honors (3.5 or higher) and 68 in the 4.0 GPA Club. A total of 16 programs posted a team GPA of 3.0 or better.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Athletics, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

(MEMPHIS, TN) -- The Heal the Hood (HTH) Foundation Celebrity Weekend is June 7th and 8th 2024. The theme this year is "Don't Kill My Future," which is a frequent phrase used by HTH to bring attention to the need to halt the violence in the Bluff City. The fun-filled weekend will begin with the Kevin Whitted All-Star Youth Basketball Camp and culminate on Saturday with the Celebrity Basketball Game featuring City of Memphis Mayor Paul Young and Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris. Also, former Memphis Grizzlies player Tony Allen will be honored with the HTH inaugural Heroes of Change Award for his contributions to the community. This will be the 15th year for the Celebrity Weekend. It was created to provide fun and safe activities for Memphis youth and their families while

raising money for the non-profit which provides year-round creative arts programming for youth. HTH is in the midst of raising money to build a multi-million-dollar Hero Empowerment Center in East Memphis to house its activities.

Friday, June 7th, little ballers, male and female, ages 7-17, can learn the fundamentals of the game from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kirby High School, located at 4080 Kirby Parkway. The All-Star Youth Basketball Camp is headed by former NBA Player and Coach Kevin Whitted, who now spends his days as a Player Development Coach. He and his wife, De'Neia, head a successful training facility, Kevin Whitted Basketball Services, in East Memphis that helps amateur to professional athletes perfect their game.

This year, the first 100 ballers

registered for FREE. While there, they will participate in skills and drills and a mini tournament and receive a t-shirt, lunch, and an unforgettable experience. Students can register to attend online at www.hthmemphis.org. The first 50 students to register will receive two tickets to the Celebrity Basketball Game. The Kevin Whitted All-Star Youth Basketball Camp is sponsored by McDonald's (Pina Elite Restaurant Group), Mario Nolan-Dillard Financial Services, Spikner, Inc., and Ivy League Events.

Then, on Saturday, June 8th, the public is invited to join HTH for an exciting Celebrity Basketball Game at 3 p.m. at Ridgeway High School, located at 2009 Ridgeway Rd. This year, the game has an added layer of excitement, with both mayors par-

ticipating and former NBA Coach Lionel Hollins and Coach Kevin Whitted leading the teams. Dustin Starr, the owner of Memphis Wrestling and emcee for the Memphis Grizzlies and Memphis Redbirds, will host this unforgettable match-up. Additional professional athletes, local and national celebrities, and others are expected to play as well.

Founder and Executive Director of Heal the Hood Foundation of Memphis, LaDell Beamon, is looking forward to having an epic game this year. "The game this year is on a different level! As far as I know, this is the first time two mayors in office have met on a Memphis basketball court. Add the Grindfather, Tony Allen, who will be honored with a new award recognizing how he

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Women's golf has earned a perfect multi-year APR score in 13-straight years and 14 times in program history and both golf programs have had multi-year 1,000s in back-to-back years. Both women's cross country and women's tennis have earned multi-year 1,000s for the last two years.

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