

Sports & Entertainment



WWE's Road to Wrestlemania makes stop at the FedExForum March 15 with Friday Night Smackdown; Tickets now on sale

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – WWE's Road to Wrestlemania stops in Memphis on March 15th as Friday Night Smackdown returns to FedExForum. The show will be broadcast to the world live from the FedExForum on Friday March 15 with WWE fan-favorite superstars including Jimmy USO, Solo Sikoa, Charlotte Flair, Kevin Owens, LA Knight, Damage CTRL, Bobby Lashley, The Street Profits, Austin Theory, Carlito, The LWO and many more!

Tickets for WWE Friday Night

Smackdown can be purchased on www.ticketmaster.com. Earlier this year FedExForum implemented 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.

WWE, part of TKO Group Holdings (NYSE: TKO), is an integrated media organization and the recognized global leader in sports entertainment. The company consists of a portfolio of businesses that create and deliver original content 52 weeks a year to a global audience. WWE is committed to family-friendly entertainment on its television programming, premium live

events, digital media, and publishing platforms. WWE's TV-PG programming can be seen in more than 1 billion homes worldwide in 25 languages through world-class distribution partners including NBCUniversal, FOX Sports, TNT Sport, Sony India and Rogers.

In the United States, NBCUniversal's streaming service, Peacock, is the exclusive home to WWE Network. Additional information on WWE can be found at wwe.com and corporate.wwe.com.

DeAngelo Williams inducted in College Hall of Fame from sports page 1

2004, Williams set an NCAA record with 34 games of 100-plus yards rushing, and he finished his career as the FBS record holder in all-purpose yards (7,573), now ranking fourth.

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and 100-yard games (34). He boasts the top two single-season rushing performances in school history with 1,964 yards in 2005 and 1,948 yards in 2004.

He ranks fourth all-time in scoring at Memphis (362 points), the most points ever by a non-kicker, and he led the Tigers in scoring his final two seasons. He finished career with 969 rushes for 6,026 yards and 55 touchdowns, adding 70 receptions for 723 receiving yards and five touchdowns in career. He also returned 60 kickoffs (22.3 avg.) in his career.

He won the inaugural ARA Sportsmanship Award in 2005, and he was the MVP of the 2006 Senior Bowl. In 2012, the school renamed the team MVP award as the "DeAngelo Williams MVP Award" in his honor. Memphis retired his jersey in 2006, and he was selected to the M Club Hall of Fame in 2014. He was an inaugural member of the C-USA Hall of Fame in 2019.

Drafted in the first round (27th overall) by Carolina in 2006, he played with the Panthers until 2014 and then for the Steelers from 2015-16. He twice led the NFL in rushing touchdowns (2008, 2015). He earned a trip to the Pro Bowl in 2009 and was named a Second Team All-Pro in 2008.

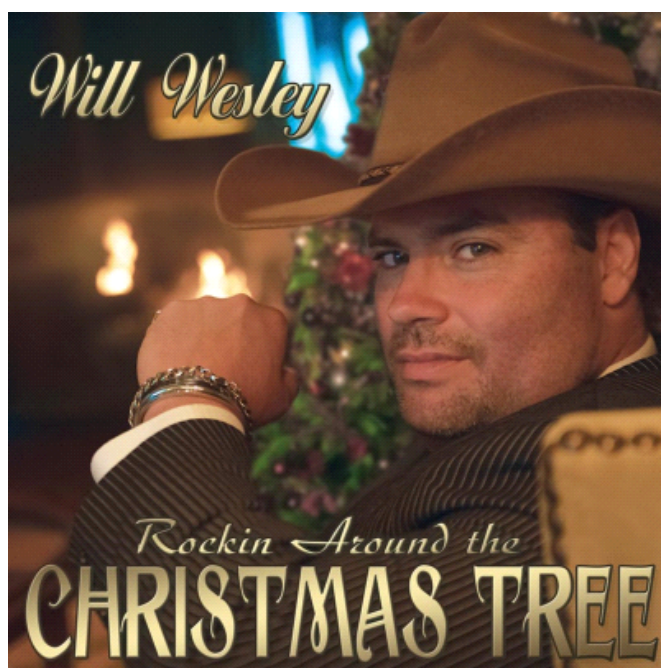
Williams' charitable activities include the DeAngelo Williams Foundation, which he founded in 2006 in honor of his mother, Sandra, and four aunts who passed away from breast cancer. The Foundation's "53 Strong for Sandra" program, has assisted nearly 1,000 low-income women with mammogram and cancer treatments.

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

Will Wesley's new single 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree' is now available for holiday

Single Premiered By Center Stage Magazine & Music Video Premiered by CCM Magazine

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Country rocker Will Wesley is thrilled to unveil his latest holiday offering with the release of the Christmas single, "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree," perfectly timed for the festive season. This rendition of Brenda Lee's timeless classic showcases Wesley's musical prowess and innovative approach. Premiered by Center Stage Magazine, the track not only pays homage to the original recording but also introduces a distinctive flair that sets it apart. With influences reminiscent of The Tractors, Vince Vance & The Valiants, and more, Wesley infuses the traditional holiday tune with his signature blend of country rock, creating a spirited and refreshing take on a beloved classic. His rendition captures the essence of the season with a vibrant energy that is both nostalgic and invigorating, promising listeners a unique and memorable holiday musical experience. As part of this release, the music video was premiered by CCM Magazine!



Wesley's musical journey began in the Baton Rouge blues scene. Touring with legends like Larry Garner and winning the New Orleans regional division of the International Blues Challenge twice, he later served as the Music Director for Grammy-winning Blues Artist Grady Champion. Despite his accolades, Wesley faced personal and professional crossroads, leading him to discover solace in country music. In 2020, he collaborated with producer Phil Chandler on the album "Both Sides of the Tracks," featuring the popular single "Attitude," which topped the charts in Milan. Wesley's career soared, touring globally and collaborating with Swiss Rockabilly Star Florian Fox. However, tragedy struck in 2023 when his brother Daniel succumbed to a heroin overdose. Channeling grief into inspiration, Wesley is crafting a new set of songs, blending his rocker edge with a tender heart, marking the beginning of what promises to be a legendary career, despite already performing in prestigious venues worldwide.

Upcoming Tour Dates:
 DEC 08 - CR's / Natchez, Miss.
 DEC 14 - Sarita's Catina / Maurepas, La.
 DEC 15 - The Queen Casino / Baton Rouge, La.
 DEC 16 - Tavern 1820 / Ponchartroula, La.
 DEC 21 - T'Quilas Bar and Grill / Zachary, La.
 DEC 22 - L'Auberge Casino at The Edge / Baton Rouge, La.

DEC 23 - Triple B's Club / Pine Grove, La.
 DEC 28 - Churchill's / Baton Rouge, La.
 DEC 29 - Sarita's Grill / Denham Springs, La.
 DEC 31 - New Year's Eve Private Event / Baton Rouge, La.
 About Will Wesley:
 Grit has forever seeped from the pores of country rocker Will Wesley. He was born a rebellious one, sneaking into bars at the age of 15 to play the blues that pumped through his veins. Today, Wesley follows in the footsteps of artists such as Eric Church and Jason Aldean, more than ready to show off his rock edge as much as his tender lyrical heart. Wesley has also toured several countries in Europe and Southeast Asia, performing in venues such as the Switzerland International Country Music Hall of Fame and the Jackson, Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, playing alongside the likes of Alabama, Jason Boland & the Stragglers, and Robert Cray. This is somewhat of a new beginning for Will Wesley as he finds himself ready to conquer the world.

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Memphis Showboats Youth Football Combine for ages 6-17 set for December 10



MEMPHIS – The Memphis Showboats will host a Youth Football Combine for ages 6-17 on Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium. Showboats quarterback Cole Kelley and offensive lineman Matt Burrell will assist with the combine along with

coaches from Collierville High School. Admission to the skills clinic is \$20 per participant and includes two tickets to a Memphis Showboats game during the 2024 season. In addition, those who purchase season tickets for the 2024 season can attend the Youth Football Combine for free. To sign up for the Memphis Showboats Youth Football Combine, please go to <https://am.ticketmaster.com/usfl/MemphisSkillCamp>. Season tickets start as low as \$10 per game and are available at www.TheUSFL.com.

