# MARTIN LAWRENCE HITS THE ROAD THIS SUMMER WITH "Y'ALL KNOW WHAT IT IS!" COMEDY TOUR IN ST. LOUIS ON FEBRUARY 28



The Comedian and "Bad Boys" Star to Kick Off 36-City National Tour July 20

Tickets On Sale Friday, May 17, 10am Local

# Media Assets

**ST. LOUIS – MAY 8, 2024 –** Comedy legend Martin Lawrence today announced he will headline a national arena tour – his first comedy tour since 2016 – coming to Chaifetz Arena on February 28. The "**Y'all Know What It Is!**" tour will head to nearly 40 cities across the U.S. through April 2025. The tour is set to launch soon after the June 7 release of the highly anticipated *Bad Boys: Ride or Die* feature film, co-starring Will Smith. Tickets go on sale Friday, May 17 at 10am local. To purchase tickets, visit www.martinlawrenceontour.com.

View the tour announcement video here: <u>Martin Lawrence Y'all Know What It Is! Tour</u> on Vimeo.

Tickets can be purchased online at Ticketmaster.com or in person at the Chaifetz Arena Box Office, located inside of Gate B.

"Y'all Know What It Is!" is an all-new stand-up show and fresh one hour set where Martin brings the real talk and finds the funny in everything from family to culture as only he can. Special guests have been personally hand-picked by the comedy maestro and are some of the hottest comedians on the mic including Adele Givens, B. Simone, Chico Bean, DC Youngfly, Deon Cole, Desi Banks, Jess Hilarious, Mojo Brookzz, Ms. Pat, Rickey Smiley and more. Guest comedians vary by city.

"Comedy gives me that instant gratification," Lawrence says. "Seeing the fans up close and in person, making people laugh, doing what I love most, this is what it's all about for me. But hey...y'all know what it is!"

Lawrence, hailed by fans around the world as one of the greatest comics of all time, launched his comedy career in New York City at the Improv Comedy Club. His breakthrough film role came courtesy of Spike Lee in the classic *Do The Right Thing!* Other film roles followed including *House Party* and *Boomerang.* He soon captured the attention of mega producer Russell Simmons who tapped Lawrence to host the groundbreaking HBO series *Def Comedy Jam.* In 1992, Lawrence landed his own hit series *Martin.* The ratings juggernaut single-handedly elevated FOX to a major contender against network television stations. Following the finale of his self-titled comedy series, Lawrence went on to star in a string of top grossing films including *Life, Big Momma's House* and the *Bad Boys* franchise.

Lawrence returns to the Bad Boys franchise with *Bad Boys: Ride or Die* which opens worldwide Friday, June 7.

The tour schedule (subject to change) includes:

## 2024

Saturday, July 20	Chandler, AZ	Gila River Casino
Friday, August 2	Pittsburgh, PA	PPG Paints Arena
Saturday, August 3	Cleveland, OH	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse
Friday, August 9	Jackson, MS	Mississippi Coliseum
Saturday, August 10	Biloxi, MS	Mississippi Coast Coliseum
Saturday, August 17	Highland, CA	Yaamava' Resort & Casino
Friday, August 30	Detroit, MI	Little Caesars Arena
Saturday, August 31	Grand Rapids, MI	Van Andel Arena
Friday, September 6	Raleigh, NC	PNC Arena
Saturday, September 7	Columbia, SC	Colonial Life Arena
Friday, September 20	Louisville, KY	KFC Yum! Center

Friday, November 8 Washington, D.C. MGM National Harbor

Friday, November 15 Dallas, TX American Airlines Center

Saturday, November 16 Oklahoma City, OK Paycom Center

Friday, November 29 Las Vegas, NV Dolby Live (Park MGM Casino)

Friday, December 6 Los Angeles, CA Crypto.com Arena

Saturday, December 7 Oakland, CA Oakland Arena

Saturday, April 5

Friday, December 13 Jacksonville, FL VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena

Saturday, December 14 Hollywood, FL Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

Hollywood

Simmons Bank Arena

Sunday, December 15 Tampa, FL Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

# 2025

Friday, January 17	Southaven, MS	Landers Center
Saturday, January 18	Birmingham, AL	Legacy Arena at the BJCC
Sunday, January 19	Nashville, TN	Bridgestone Arena
Friday, January 24	Brooklyn, NY	Barclays Center
Saturday, January 25	Atlantic City, NJ	Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City
Saturday, February 8	Houston, TX	Toyota Center
Friday, February 28	St. Louis, MO	Chaifetz Arena
Saturday, March 1	Kansas City, MO	T-Mobile Center
Friday, March 7	Atlanta, GA	State Farm Arena
Saturday, March 8	Savannah, GA	Enmarket Arena
Friday, March 14	Milwaukee, WI	Fiserv Forum
Saturday, March 15	Chicago, IL	Credit Union 1 Arena
Friday, March 28	Norfolk, VA	Chartway Arena
Friday, April 4	Bossier City, LA	Brookshire Grocery Arena

Little Rock, AR

For more information, visit <u>www.martinlawrenceontour.com</u> and follow Martin on social media at <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>TikTok</u>

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### **About Chaifetz Arena**

Chaifetz Arena, located in St. Louis, Missouri, is a 10,600 seat multi-purpose venue that opened its doors in April 2008. It is home to Saint Louis University men's and women's basketball. The arena features a single concourse along with a suite level boasting 14 suites and two-party suites. There is also a large club for dinners and parties. Chaifetz Arena, which is owned by Saint Louis University, is privately managed by Oak View Group. Chaifetz Arena hosts a variety of events each year including concerts, family shows, trade shows, high school + university commencements as well as men's and women's basketball games.

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