

## Louisville Hosts His Holiness the Dalai Lama

## Tickets on sale Wednesday, Jan. 23

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**Louisville, KY (January 22, 2012)** – Louisville's Tibetan Buddhist Center, the Drepung Gomang Institute, and the City of Louisville will host His Holiness the Dalai Lama May 19-20, 2013 at the KFC Yum! Center for a Public Talk and Teaching.

The two-day event, called "Engaging Compassion" will begin on Sunday, May 19 at the KFC Yum! Center when the Dalai Lama will present a public talk to an expected crowd of 16,000.

The Dalai Lama's talk will focus on how an individual can engage with compassion from within his or her own religious tradition in order to build world peace from the local level to the world community. The two-hour presentation will include a strong interfaith component followed by interaction with local interfaith religious dignitaries and other leaders.

On Monday, May 20, the Dalai Lama will give a two-part public Buddhist teaching in the morning and afternoon. This event is expected to draw a large crowd of people wishing to explore and deepen their understanding of the Buddhist faith. The teaching is called "Attisha's Lamp for the Path to Enlightenment".

The Dalai Lama has been the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize and the Congressional Gold Medal and is known around the world as a spokesman for the non-violent, peaceful and compassionate resolution of human conflict.

Tickets to Sunday's public talk are \$100, \$50, \$30, \$20, \$10 and \$5. Tickets for Monday's public teaching are \$35 and \$75. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at the KFC Yum! Center Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster by phone at 1-800-745-3000, or at www.ticketmaster.com.

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