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## Luke Bryan Brings Dirt Road Diaries Tour to KFC Yum! Center Feb. 22

**Tickets on Sale Friday, December 7**

**LOUISVILLE, KY (December 3, 2012)** – Luke Bryan’s career has rocketed towards superstar status in the past couple of years. He has seen his recent album *Tailgates & Tanlines* sell over one million copies and remain a Top 5 album for all of 2012, co-hosted the “CMA Music Festival: Country’s Night to Rock” special on ABC, taken home trophies at both the ACM Awards and CMT Music Awards and opened concert tours for artists such as Jason Aldean, Rascal Flatts and Tim McGraw. In 2013, Bryan will take another giant step and headline his first major tour, the “**Dirt Road Diaries Tour.**”

The “**Dirt Road Diaries Tour**” will visit the KFC Yum! Center on February 22nd, and features special guests Thompson Square and Florida Georgia Line as openers.

Tickets for the show are \$54.00 and \$29.25 (plus applicable fees) and go on sale Friday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. at [www.kfcyumcenter.com](http://www.kfcyumcenter.com), [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), the KFC Yum! Center box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Charge by phone at 1.800.745.3000.

“I have dreamed about this day for a very long time,” said Bryan. “We are having the best time putting together all the bells & whistles for the tour. I have spent a lot of time out on tours with some really great artists and each night we have tried to learn from them. I couldn’t be more excited about this!”

Citi is the official credit card of the “**Dirt Road Diaries Tour.**” Citi card members will have access to presale Wednesday, December 5 at 10am through Thursday, December 6 at 10pm. through Citi’s Private Pass Program. For complete presale details visit [www.citiprivatepass.com](http://www.citiprivatepass.com).

In the past year, Luke has celebrated three back-to-back Platinum singles “Country Girl (Shake It For Me),” “I Don’t Want This Night To End” and “Drunk On You,” all from his Platinum-certified album, *Tailgates & Tanlines*. The Leesburg, Georgia native has achieved five career No. 1 singles and is currently on his fourth annual “Farm Tour” with eight shows through several southern states, including five in Georgia, through the end of this week. When the tour wraps on Oct. 13, a portion of the proceeds from the concerts will have created 20 scholarships in its four-year run to students of farming families within the communities the tour has played.

Luke recently received two CMA Award and two American Music Award nominations in the Male Vocalist and Album of the Year categories as well as leading the nominations with seven at the upcoming American Country Awards.

Thompson Square, the reigning ACM “Vocal Duo of the Year” and ended 2011 as Billboard’s No. 1 New Country Artist and the No. 6 New Artist across all genres of music. The husband/wife duo’s No. 1 smash, “Are You Gonna Kiss Me Or Not,” earned them two GRAMMY nominations, American Music Award and Teen Choice Award nods, 4 CMA, and 5 CMT Music Award nominations. “AYGKMON” has sold nearly 2 million singles and was iTunes 2011 Country Song of the Year. Follow-up hits include the award winning, “I Got You,” (No.6) and the critically lauded power ballad, “Glass” (No. 15). Thompson Square is a 3x American Country Award and a 2012 CMT Music Award winner. The duo is currently nominated for “Vocal Duo of the Year” and “New Artist of the Year” at the 2012 CMA Awards.

Florida Georgia Line has been quickly garnering buzz among fans, media and superstars (Taylor Swift, Keith Urban and Sugarland’s Jennifer Nettles) since releasing their Top 20 single, “Cruise.” With infectious lyrics and a buoyant melody, the single has sold well over 500,000 copies and has been certified GOLD in Canada. The song is also listed in the Top 10 for sales in many major markets and sits – with the video – in the Top 5 nationally on iTunes Country Charts. The Republic Nashville duo - comprised of Tyler Hubbard from Monroe, Georgia and Brian Kelley from Ormond Beach, Florida - brings a fresh sound to the genre and beyond, combining electrifying, hard-driving rock with honest, expressive lyrics. “Cruise” is featured on their EP *It’s Just What We Do* produced by Joey Moi (Jake Owen, Nickelback).

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### **About the KFC Yum! Center**

Operated by AEG Facilities, the KFC Yum! Center is Louisville’s newest multi-purpose arena that boasts a total of 721,762 square feet while offering an arena bowl exceeding 22,000 seats and four meeting rooms spanning approximately 34,000 square feet all within walking distance of more than 4,200 hotel rooms in downtown Louisville. It is home to the University of Louisville men’s and women’s basketball programs and is ideal for concerts, conventions, corporate events, family shows, ice shows, wrestling and more. The KFC Yum! Center is a state of the art facility with advance technology capabilities that is owned by the Louisville Arena Authority and managed by AEG Facilities, a global sports, entertainment and venue organization that owns, operates or consults with more than 100 of the most elite venues in the world. For more information, visit [www.kfcyumcenter.com](http://www.kfcyumcenter.com).

