



## Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Kentucky Exposition Center

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## LEGO Fans Celebrate Creativity at the LEGO BrickUniverse Convention at the Kentucky Exposition Center

**LOUISVILLE**, **Ky.** (January 5, 2017) — The LEGO BrickUniverse Convention celebrates creativity and ingenuity Jan. 7-8 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, this fan convention offers something for every LEGO lover with building areas, LEGO art, LEGO vendors and more.

Professional LEGO artist Jonathan Lopes will showcase more than 30 of his select LEGO displays including an 8-foot high LEGO Model of New York City's Woolworth Building. Additionally, Chicago-based LEGO artist Rocco Buttliere will bring more than 40 LEGO models of famous landmarks from around the world. See the largest skyscraper in the world, Burj Khalifa, the full Westminster Palace in London and other famous landmarks all built from LEGO bricks.

The Fan Zone at BrickUniverse features fan-built LEGO creations built by some of the world's best LEGO Fan builders, including some from Kentucky. Fan models includes detailed LEGO castles, trains, cities, spaceships and more.

## Attractions include:

- LEGO Friends Building Area
- LEGO Models: 27 foot LEGO model of the USS Missouri, 24 foot LEGO diorama of WWII Battle
  of Peleliu and a 6 foot LEGO model of Brandenburg Gate
- Big Brick Building: younger visitors can explore imagination through building with larger LEGO Duplo bricks
- LEGO Retail: purchase LEGO merchandise

Admission is \$15 per person and tickets are available online at <a href="www.brickuniverse.org/louisville">www.brickuniverse.org/louisville</a>. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.

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One of the 10 largest facilities of its kind in the U.S., the <u>Kentucky Exposition Center</u> (KEC) features 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space, including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena that seats 13,500 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 677,000 square feet and accommodates a wide range of events year round. KEC is the permanent home of the Kentucky State Fair, National Farm Machinery Show, Eddie Ford Kentucky Hoopfest and North American International Livestock Exposition. For more information, go to <u>www.kyexpo.org</u>.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, KEC is easily accessible and just seven minutes south of downtown Louisville. Entrances to the facility are located off Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway.