



## Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Kentucky State Fair

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## Comedian Jeff Dunham Takes the Stage at the Kentucky State Fair

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (April 30, 2016) — Internationally acclaimed entertainer and ventriloquist Jeff Dunham will unleash his irreverent humor and characters on the Kentucky State Fair Main Stage Friday, Aug. 19 in Freedom Hall.

With sold-out performances across the country, Dunham's "Perfectly Unbalanced" tour consistently draws huge crowds – and laughs. Audiences everywhere roar to the wisecracks of Walter, the grumpy retiree; Bubba J, the beer-swilling NASCAR lover; Peanut, the manic sidekick; José Jalapeño, the spicy pepper; and Achmed, the dead terrorist. When describing Dunham's characters, Time magazine said, "All of them are politically incorrect, gratuitously insulting and ill tempered."

Dunham is recognized as one of the world's most inventive entertainers and has been awarded Billboard's Top Comedy Tour for three years running. Slate.com dubbed him "America's favorite comedian" and he was recently honored by Guinness World Records for "Most Tickets Sold for a Standup Comedy Tour."

Rocketing to fame quickly, Dunham became a sensation on the national comedy club circuit and frequently appeared on "The Tonight Show" and "Late Night with David Letterman." His comedy specials have premiered to record ratings and include "Spark of Insanity," "Controlled Chaos," "Minding the Monsters," "All Over the Map" and "A Very Special Christmas Special." Most recently, more than 6 million viewers tuned in for his 2015 primetime NBC special, "Jeff Dunham: Unhinged in Hollywood."

He also starred in "The Jeff Dunham Show" on Comedy Central; released "All by My Selves: Walter, Peanut, Achmed and Me," a New York Times best seller; and made a cameo appearance on Emmywinning "30 Rock."

To watch video clips of Dunham's performances, visit www.JeffDunham.com.

Tickets for the show are \$50 and \$40 each and include Kentucky State Fair gate admission. Tickets can be purchased at the Kentucky Exposition Center and Kentucky International Convention Center Ticket Offices. Charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000, or purchase online at <a href="https://www.ticketmaster.com">www.ticketmaster.com</a>. Tickets go on sale Monday, May 2 at 10:00 a.m. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per car.

The Kentucky State Fair runs August 18-28 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. For more information, visit www.kystatefair.org.

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The Kentucky State Fair is an 11-day celebration of the history, heritage and culture of the Bluegrass State. More than 600,000 attend America's largest indoor fair, which uses over 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space at the Kentucky Exposition Center. While its roots are in agriculture, the Kentucky State Fair has grown into a trade and public education exposition, as well as a major entertainment venue. The World's Championship Horse Show, held during the Fair, is the world's richest and most prestigious Saddlebred show. Attendees and exhibitors contribute over \$15.3 million annually in economic impact. The Kentucky State Fair & World's Championship Horse Show are owned and produced by the Kentucky State Fair Board, an agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. The spacious grounds have 19,000 parking spaces and is accessible from six gates surrounding the facility. Gates are located off of Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.