



Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Kentucky Exposition Center

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Inspiration Celebration Friday, July 7: Musicians, Humanitarians and Athletes Speak to Ali's Legacy

WHAT

Part of the "I Am Ali" Festival, Inspiration Celebration is held during the Run for the Roses girls basketball tournament at the Kentucky Exposition Center, with more than 600 teams in attendance. The event provides coaches, players and their families the opportunity to be inspired by the struggles, determination and triumphs of athletes, musicians and humanitarians. The evening honors Ali's life and legacy, and shares his six core principles: confidence, conviction, dedication, respect, giving and spirituality. The public is also invited.

Motivational speakers include:

- Laila Ali, retired and undefeated professional boxer, Muhammad Ali's daughter
- Dawne Gee, long-time news anchor for WAVE-TV
- IMAJ, country singer, songwriter and humanitarian
- Sydney Phillips, sued and won the right to play on boys basketball team
- Linkin' Bridge, local group working to inspire unity through music
- Jenna Dean, local group with the #HipHopFunkSoul
- Carly Johnson, local jazz musician, recently played Waterfront Wednesday

WHEN

Friday, July 7
Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and program begins at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE

Kentucky Exposition Center, Freedom Hall

ADMISSION

Open to the public. FREE for 18 years and under; \$15 for 19 years and older.
Tickets available at [Ticketmaster](#) or the Kentucky Exposition Center Ticket Office.

PARKING

\$8 per vehicle, \$20 for a bus.

WEBSITE

alicenter.org/i-am-ali-festival/inspiration-celebration

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One of the 10 largest facilities of its kind in the U.S., the [Kentucky Exposition Center](#) (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 and North American International Livestock Exposition. For more information, go to www.kyexpo.org.

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