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BONEY JAMES TO BRING SLOW BURN TOUR TO LEXINGTON OPERA HOUSE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024

General On-Sale Begins Friday, July 19 at 10 A.M. Local via <u>Ticketmaster.com</u> and <u>LexingtonOperaHouse.com</u>



LEXINGTON, KY (July 16, 2024) — Saxophonist and composer, Boney James is excited to announce his much-anticipated "Slow Burn" tour. Fans in Lexington, Kentucky, will have the opportunity to experience his talent live on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at Lexington Opera House. The venue pre-sale will begin Wednesday, July 17 at 10 A.M. and the public on-sale is on Friday, July 19 at 10 A.M. Tickets can be purchased at ticketmaster.com, lexingtonoperahouse.com, or in person at the Central Bank Center Box Office from 12-4 P.M. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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ABOUT BONEY JAMES

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Slow burn. A feeling that grows with a slow but deliberate intensity. For saxophonist and composer Boney James, these words perfectly describe the music he has crafted for his new Concord Records album, Slow Burn, releasing on October 18, 2024.

"When I mentioned that phrase to people as a possible title, they said, "That also refers to your whole career in a way," James says with a laugh. "This is my 19th record and I feel like I'm just hitting my stride."

Slow Burn is a new high point in a remarkable career that now spans more than three decades and includes a long list of accolades; four GRAMMY nominations, three NAACP Image Award nominations, a Soul Train Award for Best Jazz Album, and four RIAA Gold Record certifications. In 2009, Billboard named James one of the Top 3 Contemporary Jazz Artists of the decade. In 2024 year Boney became the first ever artist to score 20 number-one singles on the Billboard Smooth Jazz chart.

James is, of course, thrilled that his music continues to reach new audiences more than thirty years after he released his debut album, Trust, in 1992. "It's always been my goal to be one of those guys that would just keep doing it at a high level," he says, "and to have that connection with the audience."

Now, James says, "I wake up each day and try to play a little better. To quote the cellist Pablo Casals 'I think I'm making progress.' I am really proud of my playing on this new record. And I absolutely love the songs and the sound I achieved."

Some might say it has a Slow Burn: a deliberate intensity.

About Lexington Opera House

Located in Lexington, Kentucky, the **Lexington Center Corporation** (LCC) is a not-for-profit 501c3 corporate agency of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government. It was established in 1974 to manage and maintain Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center, the Central Bank Center (formerly Lexington Convention Center), Triangle Park, and the Lexington Opera House. One of the nation's most storied entertainment destinations, Central Bank Center venues collectively welcome an average of 1.3 million patrons annually.

The Lexington Opera House, built in 1886 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is one of the premier performing arts centers in the region. Since its opening, the Opera House has played host to such famous stage performers as W.C. Fields, The Marx Brothers, Al Jolson, Julie Harris, Steve Martin, Brian Wilson, and Graham Nash. It has undergone two major renovations and remains a cultural destination in downtown Lexington.

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