



## JUST ANNOUNCED – THREE NEW SHOWS AT THE KING CENTER

**Michael W. Smith – FOREVER Tour**  
**Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Jerry Douglas Band**  
**Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Blippi- The Wonderful World Tour**  
**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Performing Live at the King Center for the Performing Arts in Melbourne.**  
**Tickets on Sale this Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> .**

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, MELBOURNE, FL –**

Get ready for more world class entertainment coming to the Space Coast! The King Center for the Performing Arts proudly unveils a trio of shows to add to the already exciting schedule. The contemporary Christian music artist **Michael W. Smith** and his “FOREVER” Tour takes the L3 Harris Technologies stage on Friday, February 23rd. Also, on that night, AEG Presents brings the **Jerry Douglas Band** to the intimate setting of the King Center Studio Theatre. Let’s not forget the little ones! Dive into the live world of wonder with the lovable **Blippi** as he embarks on the “The Wonderful World” tour on Saturday, March 2nd. Tickets for all three events go on sale to the public this Friday, October 20th starting at 10 AM online at KingCenter.com and at noon at the King Center Ticket Office/321-242-2219. See below for additional show details.

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### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 – 7 PM:**

**48LIVE PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS: MICHAEL W. SMITH - FOREVER TOUR**

**L3Harris Technologies Theatre (Main Stage)**





Michael W. Smith has been releasing new music regularly and performing around the world to sold-out crowds for the last 35+ years. During his storied career, he's written and recorded over 36 No. 1 songs, been bestowed with three GRAMMY® Awards and 45 Dove Awards, one American Music Award, was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and has sold more than 15 million albums. Amassing an in-depth catalog of achievements, Smith was also honored with a star-studded tribute concert in Nashville, TN to celebrate his 35 No. 1s, by a myriad of legendary performers. In 2021, he released a re-envisioned live version of #1 highest-selling album of all time, *Worship*, in honor of its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. His critically acclaimed studio album *A Million Lights* and live worship album *Surrounded* have together become his 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Top 10 hits on Billboard's Top Christian Albums chart, more than any other solo artist in history.

More than just an outstanding songwriter and performer, Smith has given back to the global community throughout his career. Smith has raised funds to battle AIDS in Africa, started Rockettown, a safe haven for young people in Tennessee to meet and find hope; and has helped more than 70,000 children through Compassion International. He has also written several bestselling books, including *Old Enough To Know* and *Friends Are Friends Forever*. <https://michaelsmith.com/>

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 – 7:30 PM**  
**AEG PRESENTS: JERRY DOUGLAS BAND**  
**KING CENTER-STUDIO THEATRE**



Dobro master and 14-time Grammy winner Jerry Douglas is a bandleader, producer, session musician, instructor, and a very funny guy! He's produced over a hundred albums and he's featured on over 1,600 studio albums. He's a member of Alison Kraus & Union Station, co-bandleader for Transatlantic Sessions in the United Kingdom, founder for the Grammy winner bluegrass super-group The Earls of Leicester, and he leads The Jerry Douglas Band.



Since 2017, The Jerry Douglas Band has been forging new paths into the musical horizon with deep roots in bluegrass and folk that spreads out into the Americana and jazz landscapes. In 2021, The Jerry Douglas Band released an album, *Leftover Feelings*, with legendary singer songwriter John Hiatt. The album was nominated for a 2022 Grammy for “Best Americana Album,” and their previous record *What If* also received a Grammy nomination for “Best Contemporary Instrumental Album.” They perform at some of the top US festivals such as Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Pilgrimage Music Festival, Big Ears Festival, DelFest, FreshGrass, Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival, Merlefest, and many others. In addition to Douglas, The Jerry Douglas Band includes Daniel Kimbro on bass, Christian Sedelmyer on fiddle, and Mike Seal on guitar. <https://jerrydouglas.com/jdb/>

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 – 2 PM**

**AEG PRESENTS: BLIPPI- THE WONDERFUL WORLD TOUR**

**L3Harris Technologies Theatre (Main Stage)**



Blippi is coming to your city for the ultimate curiosity adventure in **Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour!** So, come on! Dance, sing, and learn with Blippi and special guest Meekah as they discover what makes different cities unique and special. Will there be monster trucks, excavators, and garbage trucks galore? You bet! So get ready to shake those wiggles out and OJ Twist your way through this brand-new musical party!

A limited number of Photo Experience tickets will be available which include a photo opportunity with Blippi. <https://blippithewonderfulworldtour.com/>

Tickets for all three shows go on sale Friday, October 20!

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Mission Statement: To improve the quality of life for all residents of Brevard County through cultural, educational, recreational and community arts programs, by providing access to high quality, challenging and diverse touring and local performing arts events.

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