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U.S. Bank Arena



Located in downtown Cincinnati on the banks of the Ohio River, U.S. Bank Arena is Cincinnati's premier indoor entertainment facility. It will be the location for the Opening, Closing and Awards Ceremonies for the 2012 World Choir Games.

Each year U.S. Bank Arena plays host to more than 100 events, which includes some of the hottest touring concerts such as Josh Groban, Darius Rucker, George Strait & Reba, Michael Bublé, Elton John and Billy Joel. The arena is home to the East Coast Hockey League Cincinnati Cyclones franchise, winners of the 2008 and 2010 Kelly Cup Championships. In addition to hockey, sports fans can enjoy college and professional basketball, bull riding, World Wrestling Entertainment events and family activities, such as the Harlem Globetrotters, Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus, Disney on Ice and Smucker's Stars on Ice.

The arena opened in 1975, but in 1997 was virtually rebuilt. On the outside, the façade was updated and the entrance was changed. On the inside, concession areas were redesigned, restrooms were renovated and all seats were replaced. Also, a new sound system and Sony Jumbotron were installed. The bowl of the arena was configured to have the ability to shrink down to a "theater" type setup, or to be opened up to allow more than 17,000 spectators. It will be the perfect setting to start and end the 2012 World Choir Games and acknowledge the choirs via the presentation of their diplomas, medals, and trophies.

Seating capacity

| Up to 17,000