



## PRESS RELEASE

Gospel artist, philanthropist, and entrepreneur, Kirk Franklin, performing at Stambaugh Auditorium

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### For Immediate Release:

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Stambaugh Auditorium will welcome Kirk Franklin to the Concert Hall stage. Franklin is a multi-platinum artist who's known for his fusion of gospel and contemporary music. Tickets for this performance go on sale Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.

For over two decades, he has consistently topped *Billboard's* Gospel and Christian charts. To date, he's accumulated awards including:

- 9 Grammy Awards
- 1 American Music Award
- 39 Stellar Awards (gospel)
- 16 Dove Awards
- 8 NAACP Image Awards
- 2 BET Music Awards
- 1 Soul Train Award

Franklin became a *New York Times* best-selling author for *The Blueprint: A Plan for Living Above Life's Storms*. In addition to being a successful musician and author, Franklin is also the Chairman/CEO of Fo Yo Soul Entertainment, Inc. which is a full service entertainment enterprise based in Dallas. Launched in 2004, the multi-tiered company includes a record label, Franklin's solo recordings and services as a record producer; Fo Yo Soul Productions which manages tours, speaking, and performance engagements; as well as The Franklin Imagine Group, a non-profit organization which focuses on youth development.

Franklin is also the host and an executive producer of the gospel talent show, *Sunday Best* on BET. He and his wife, Tammy, have been married for 16 years and have four children.

Tickets for this show are available to the public on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am. For more information or for tickets, visit [stambaughauditorium.com](http://stambaughauditorium.com) or call the Stambaugh Auditorium Box Office at 330-259-0555. Group discounts are available; contact the box office for details.

### About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom (Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom), a recital hall (The Anne Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional entertainment events. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.