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## **THE DUNKIN' DONUTS CENTER & RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER FEATURE A VARIETY OF EVENTS COMING THIS SEASON**

**Providence, R.I., (September 8, 2016)** - The Dunkin' Donuts Center & Rhode Island Convention Center will feature a wide variety of events this season. There is something for everyone of all ages. The Dunkin' Donuts Center and the Rhode Island Convention Center have listed just a few of the many events scheduled for the upcoming 2016-2017 season with many more shows to be announced.

Coming off a strong spring and summer season the Dunkin' Donuts Center (DDC) is gearing up with one of the biggest names in Country Music. Seven-time Grammy Award winner and ACM Female Vocalist of the Year, Carrie Underwood, bringing *The Storyteller Tour - Stories in the Round* to the Dunk. Underwood will be making her way back to Providence for the first time since her *Blown Away* tour in September of 2012.

To kick off the family fun, Disney on Ice will skate their way in to Providence this October with "*Dare to Dream*". There are also a number of shows that will rock Providence this season. Two of the most successful and critically acclaimed bands Chicago and Earth, Wind & Fire will make their way to the center this October.

Returning for the Holiday Season two favorites Trans-Siberian Orchestra with two performances this November, and Casting Crowns; the 2014 American Music Award winner will be back this December.

The improbable rise of the alternative hip-hop group Twenty One Pilots has caught the attention of fans across the globe. The ever-growing band *Twenty One Pilots: Emotional Road Tour* will kick off the New Year this January.

One of the most successful events to hit Providence is the return of WWE. With countless sell out events, WWE is back this November with *WWE Live: Holiday Tour*. This will be the third WWE event to be held in Providence this year.

Two of the States most dominate sports teams kick off the season once again at the Dunk. AHL Providence Bruins Hockey home opener is Thursday, October 14 and Big East Providence College

Basketball prepares for a non-conference game against the University of Vermont on Monday, November 14.

For the fifth straight year RI Comic Con, “The Largest Event in the Smallest State” is returning to the Rhode Island Convention Center (RICC) and the Dunkin’ Donuts Center (DDC). Comic Book Legend Stan Lee is headlining the line up of stars that will be attending this year; this will be Lee’s last Northeast appearance.

The Action Expo, the leading sports industry trade event is back to the Rhode Island Convention Center this September. This full service trade show and marketing company will attract buyers and sellers throughout the region to the leading actions sports event in the industry.

The newest addition to the complex is the opening of Body Worlds VITAL in the Providence Museum Gallery located on the lower level of the Convention Center. The space was built to accommodate this new exhibit, which attracts those who are interested in learning about the exploration of the human body. The space can be used for meetings, banquets and receptions in conjunction with the exhibit.

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