BJCC'S LEGACY ARENA TO CLOSE FOR RENOVATION APRIL 2 CONCERT HALL, EXHIBITION HALLS, AND UPTOWN ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT TO REMAIN OPEN

Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex's (BJCC) Legacy Arena will close April 2, 2020 for an 18-month renovation.

The BJCC announced in early January that Legacy Arena will close in April 2020 for an expansion and renovation project. Interior renovations will include structural and non-structural work and, in some cases, the complete replacement of components. Exterior renovations will include modifications and alterations to the building envelope and loading docks as well as sitework, landscaping and hardscaping.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to reimagine Legacy Arena to better align with the expectations of today's patrons and our business partners." said Tad Snider, Executive Director and CEO, BJCC Authority. "The remodel of Legacy Arena is happening in conjunction with a huge period of growth in our city. There's so much activity and progress happening in and around Birmingham. The BJCC is proud to be part of it."

A pre-bid conference for prequalified contractors will be held January 30th in the Forum Building. Bids will be received on February 20th. Bidders will be required to make a good faith effort to include minority business enterprise (MBE) and disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) companies in the execution of the project. For complete information on this and other public bids, visit the BJCC website.

Constructed in 1976, Legacy Arena has welcomed millions of visitors to the Birmingham region. Designs for the Legacy Arena renovation were unanimously approved by the Birmingham Design Review Committee in December 2019. Prior to closing in April, Legacy Arena will host the Bassmaster Classic March 6-8. Cher, Chris Stapleton and Lauren Daigle will all perform concerts at Legacy Arena in March. Get tickets here.

Go here to download Legacy Arena designs via Dropbox.

While Legacy Arena is closed for renovations, it will be business as usual for the rest of the complex. The BJCC concert hall, exhibit halls, hotels and restaurants in the Uptown entertainment district will remain open. The BJCC exhibition space will host Cottontails Arts & Crafts, Gun Shows, Birmingham Home Show, Birmingham RV Show, Christmas Village, conferences, conventions and more. Broadway in Birmingham presents Rent, Waitress, and Bandstand at the BJCC Concert Hall this season. Construction continues at the Protective Stadium site, which is slated to open in Fall 2021. For the complete schedule of BJCC events, visit the BJCC calendar of events.

For more information about Legacy Arena, including renovation updates, follow the BJCC on Linkedin, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex (BJCC) is Alabama's premier sports, convention and entertainment center. It is home to two exhibition halls offering 220,000 square feet for trade shows and exhibitions, as well as three entertainment venues including the

state's largest arena and concert hall. The BJCC campus also includes the Uptown Entertainment District, The Westin Birmingham Hotel and Alabama's largest hotel, the 757-room Sheraton Birmingham. Visit www.bjcc.org

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