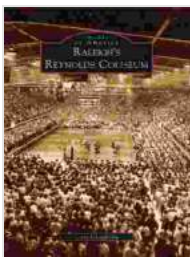


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Nestled in the heart of Raleigh, North Carolina, Raleigh Reynolds Coliseum stands as a testament to the city's rich sports and entertainment history. For over half a century, this iconic venue has played host to countless memorable moments, from thrilling ACC basketball games to unforgettable concerts.

A Storied Basketball History

Raleigh Reynolds Coliseum is synonymous with NC State Wolfpack basketball. The team has played their home games within its hallowed walls since the arena's opening in 1968. Over the years, the Coliseum has witnessed numerous Wolfpack triumphs, including their 1974 NCAA Championship victory and the legendary "Cardiac Pack" era of the 1980s.

The Coliseum's hardwood has also hosted some of the ACC's most epic matchups. The conference tournament has been held at the venue 11 times, providing unforgettable moments like North Carolina's upset of Duke in the 1991 championship game and Florida State's dramatic overtime win over Virginia in 2002.

Beyond the Court

While basketball is undoubtedly the Coliseum's bread and butter, the venue has played host to a wide range of other events. Concerts featuring musical legends like Elvis Presley, The Rolling Stones, and Bob Dylan have graced its stage. It has also hosted political rallies, graduations, and even a circus.

One of the Coliseum's most notable non-sports events was the 1972 Democratic National Convention. The convention, which nominated George McGovern for president, was a pivotal moment in American political history.

Architectural Grandeur

Raleigh Reynolds Coliseum is not just a sports and entertainment venue; it is also a work of architectural significance. The arena was designed by the renowned firm of A.G. Odell Jr. and Associates, which also designed the iconic Freedom Tower in Miami.

The Coliseum's exterior features a striking combination of concrete and glass, with a distinctive barrel-vaulted roof. Inside, the arena boasts an intimate atmosphere with excellent sightlines from every seat.

A New Era

In 2020, Raleigh Reynolds Coliseum underwent a major renovation. The \$50 million project included upgrades to the seating, concourses, and technology. The arena also received a new name: PNC Arena.

Despite its new name, Raleigh Reynolds Coliseum's spirit remains unchanged. The venue continues to host a variety of events, including Wolfpack basketball, concerts, and other special events.

Behind-the-Scenes Secrets

Every legendary venue has its own unique stories to tell. Here are a few behind-the-scenes secrets about Raleigh Reynolds Coliseum:

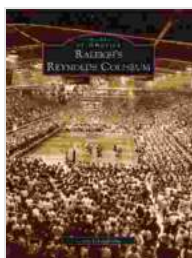
* The arena's original name was "Reynolds Coliseum." It was renamed after Raleigh in 1999. * The Coliseum's largest crowd was 18,205 for a Wolfpack basketball game against Duke in 1991. * The arena's concourses are lined with banners honoring Wolfpack basketball legends, including David Thompson, Jim Valvano, and Ernie Myers. * The Coliseum has its

own ghost, known as "The Phantom of the Coliseum." Legend has it that the ghost is the spirit of a former janitor who died in the arena.

Experience the Legend

Whether you're a sports fan, a music lover, or simply appreciate architectural beauty, Raleigh Reynolds Coliseum is a must-visit destination in Raleigh, North Carolina. With its rich history and iconic moments, the arena offers a glimpse into the city's vibrant past and present.

So come experience the legend for yourself. Visit Raleigh Reynolds Coliseum and create memories that will last a lifetime.



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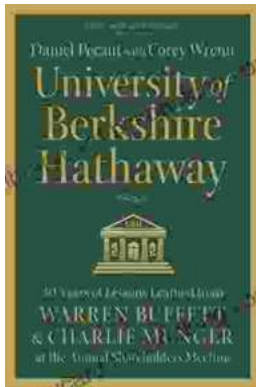
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