

**HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS RECOGNIZE 65 VENUES WITH “MONEY BALLS”
FOR RECORD-SETTING DATES ON 2011 “4 TIMES THE FUN” TOUR**
Team Awards First-Ever Platinum “Money Balls”

(PHOENIX, May 2, 2011) – The world famous **Harlem Globetrotters** are once again recognizing venues that broke turnstile records during the team’s 2011 **“4 Times the Fun”** North American Tour, which wrapped up on April 17. A custom-made **Spalding “Money Ball”** will be awarded to venues that set new marks. The four-month tour saw 65 venues reach “Money Ball” status, marking 200 box offices records the Globetrotters and their venue partners have set over the last three North American tours.

For the first time ever, the Globetrotters are awarding a PLATINUM “Money Ball” to venues that broke a record for a third consecutive year. **Raleigh, N.C. (RBC Center), Kent, Wash. (ShoWare Center), Youngstown, Ohio (Covelli Centre), Worcester, Mass. (DCU Center), and Augusta, Ga. (James Brown Arena)** are the first recipients of this distinction.

GOLD “Money Balls” will go to venues that broke records in back-to-back years, and RED, WHITE & BLUE “Money Balls” are being awarded to a venue that broke a record for the first time.

GOLD “Money Balls” are being awarded to: **Seattle (KeyArena), New Orleans (New Orleans Arena), Louisville, Ky. (KFC Yum! Center), Dayton, Ohio (Wright State University Nutter Center), Buffalo, N.Y. (Alumni Arena), Baton Rouge, La. (River Center), Eugene, Ore. (Matthew Knight Arena), Albany, N.Y. (Times-Union Center), Knoxville, Tenn. (Thompson-Boling Arena), Charlotte, N.C. (Time Warner Cable Arena), and Roanoke, Va. (Roanoke Civic Center).**

New York City’s Madison Square Garden and **TD Garden in Boston** are among several venues that will be receiving RED, WHITE & BLUE “Money Balls.” The others include:

Pittsburgh (CONSOL Energy Center)
Colorado Springs, Colo. (World Arena)
Casper, Wyo. (Casper Events Center)
Uncasville, Conn. (Mohegan Sun Arena)
Jonesboro, Ark. (ASU Convocation Center)
Bethlehem, Pa. (Stabler Arena)
Pullman, Wash. (Beasley Coliseum)
Hartford, Conn. (XL Center)
Fairfax, Va. (Patriot Center)
Harrisonburg, Va. (JMU Convocation Center)
Shepherdstown, W.Va. (Butcher Athletic Center)
Trenton, N.J. (Sun National Bank Center)
Birmingham, Ala. (Pete Hanna Center)
Hickory, N.C. (Shuford Gym)
Providence, R.I. (Dunkin’ Donuts Center)
Burlington, Vt. (Patrick Gymnasium)
Bemidji, Minn. (The Sanford Center)
Morris, Minn. (PE Center)
Fargo, N.D. (FARGODOME)
Centre)
Grand Folks, N.D. (Alerus Center)
Saint John, New Brunswick (Harbour Station)
Bossier City, La. (CenturyTel Center)
Complex)
Summerside, Prince Edward Island (Credit Union Place)

Kansas City, Mo. (Sprint Center)
Broomfield, Colo. (1STBANK Center)
Rockford, Ill. (Rockford MetroCentre)
Wheeling, W.Va. (Wesbanco Arena)
Hamilton, Ontario (Copps Coliseum)
Pensacola, Fla. (Pensacola Civic Center)
Boise, Idaho (Qwest Arena)
Orlando, Fla. (Amway Center)
Findlay, Ohio (Croy Gymnasium)
Valdosta, Ga. (PE Complex)
Duluth, Ga. (Arena at Gwinnett Center)
Tampa, Fla. (St. Pete Times Forum)
Huntsville, Ala. (Von Braun Center)
Danville, Va. (Grant Center)
Macon, Ga. (Macon Centreplex Coliseum)
Duluth, Minn. (AMSOIL Arena)
Watertown, S.D. (Watertown Civic Arena)
Red Deer, Alberta (ENMAX Centrium)
Edmonton, Alberta (Northlands-Edmonton Expo
Centre)
Regina, Saskatchewan (Evraz Place)
Norfolk, Neb. (Cox Activity Center)
Indiana, Pa. (Kovalchick Convention & Athletic
Complex)
Eau Claire, Wisc., and Jasper, Ind.

The Harlem Globetrotters featured their own version of the “Money Ball” throughout the tour, with the addition of an exciting new innovation, the first **4-point shot** in basketball history. Every Globetrotters game featured four designated 4-point circles (two on each side of the midcourt), each located 35 feet from the basket (12 feet beyond the NBA’s 3-point arc).

“A Harlem Globetrotters show is a family tradition, now more than ever,” said **Michael Kenney**, the Globetrotters’ senior vice president, live event marketing, “and our venue partners are a huge part of that tradition.”

Sponsored by Spalding, Campbell Soup Company, Howard Johnson Hotels, America’s Best Contacts and Eyeglasses, Greyhound Lines, and Russell Athletic, the Original Harlem Globetrotters are celebrating their 85th consecutive year, continuing a world famous tradition of ball handling wizardry, basketball artistry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment that continues to thrill fans of all ages. Throughout their history, the Globetrotters have showcased their iconic talents in 120 countries and territories on six continents, often breaking down cultural and societal barriers while providing fans with their first-ever basketball experience. Proud inductees of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the Globetrotters have entertained hundreds of millions of fans—among them popes, kings, queens, and presidents—over more than eight thrilling decades. For the latest news and information about the Harlem Globetrotters, and to purchase tickets and team merchandise, visit the Globetrotters’ official Web site: www.harlemglobetrotters.com.