



## Harlem Globetrotters bring new tour to Grand Rapids on Sunday, January 22 on the heels of setting nine Guinness World Records™ records

Tickets are on sale now to see the Globetrotters at SMG-managed Van Andel Arena®

**Grand Rapids** (November 30, 2016)—As the [Harlem Globetrotters](https://www.harlemglobetrotters.com) prepare to bring their **2017 World Tour** to **Van Andel Arena** in **Grand Rapids** on **Sunday, Jan. 22**, at **2 p.m.**, the iconic team took a timeout for Guinness World Records Day. Only one year after setting seven official Guinness World Records titles, the Globetrotters broke a single-day total of nine records this year, including the longest basketball hook-shot.

**VIDEO FOR BROADCAST MEDIA:** <https://youtu.be/10h5ICl25wA> (courtesy Harlem Globetrotters)

**VIDEO TO SHARE:** Media can also embed and share the Globetrotters' video on social media. A condensed highlight reel is live at [www.facebook.com/harlemglobetrotters](https://www.facebook.com/harlemglobetrotters).

Tickets to see the Globetrotters in **Grand Rapids** start at **\$22** and are officially on sale now at [harlemglobetrotters.com](https://www.harlemglobetrotters.com), **Van Andel Arena** and **DeVos Place®** box offices, online at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com), and charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000. Ticket prices are subject to change. Groups of 10 or more can save on select seats by calling 616-742-6185 or emailing [GroupSales@smggr.com](mailto:GroupSales@smggr.com).

The records were broken at the AT&T Center, home of the San Antonio Spurs, during the 12th annual Guinness World Records Day, a global celebration of record breaking launched to celebrate the day the Guinness World Records book sold its 100 millionth copy. Since 2000, the Globetrotters now own 15 current Guinness World Records.

"We are the original trick shot artists, so it is great to reclaim our records and reestablish our dominance," said Harlem Globetrotters star Big Easy Lofton. "We have been training hard so to have a day where we push the limits and try some fun yet challenging shots, is pretty cool. I mean, how many people can say they're a Guinness World Records title holder? We can't wait to put smiles on people's faces as we demonstrate our skills and talents on the upcoming world tour."

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Among the nine Guinness World Records titles which were set by the Globetrotters, four of them reclaimed records that were originally held by the team and then broken by Dude Perfect. The Globetrotters reclaimed the records of longest basketball hook shot, longest basketball shot blindfolded, most basketball 3-pointers made by a pair in one minute, and longest blindfolded basketball hook shot.

Here's a full look at the records set by the Globetrotters:

- Longest basketball hook shot – [Big Easy Lofton](#) (72 feet, 6.25 inches)
- Longest basketball shot blindfolded – [Ant Atkinson](#) (73 feet, 10 inches)
- Most basketball 3-pointers in one minute (single ball) – [Ant Atkinson](#) and [Cheese Chisholm](#) (10 each)
- Farthest basketball shot made while sitting on the court – [Thunder Law](#) (58 feet, 9.25 inches)
- Most bounced basketball 3-pointers in one minute – [Zeus McClurkin](#) (5)
- Most basketball 3-pointers made by a pair in one minute – [Ant Atkinson](#) and [Cheese Chisholm](#) (22 each)
- Farthest basketball shot under-one-leg – [Thunder Law](#) (52 feet, 5.5 inches)
- Longest blindfolded basketball hook shot – [Big Easy Lofton](#) (58 feet, 2.5 inches)
- Most basketball slam dunks in one minute (individual) – [Zeus McClurkin](#) (16)

The Globetrotters will tip off their 2017 World Tour on Dec. 26 and will play in over 250 North American markets as well as 30 countries worldwide. Tickets are now available at [harlemglobetrotters.com](http://harlemglobetrotters.com).

The Harlem Globetrotters® are legendary worldwide, synonymous with one-of-a-kind family entertainment and great basketball skills for the past 90 years. Throughout their history, the Original Harlem Globetrotters have showcased their iconic talents in 122 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 nine thrilling decades. Sponsored by Baden Sports, Harlem Globetrotters International, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Herschend Enterprises, the largest family-owned themed entertainment company in the U.S. For the latest news and information about the Harlem Globetrotters, visit the Globetrotters' official Web site: [www.harlemglobetrotters.com](http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com) and follow them on Twitter [@Globies](https://twitter.com/Globies).

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