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Kelly Clarkson Announces Highly Anticipated *MEANING OF LIFE TOUR*Superstar to Play Van Andel Arena® in Grand Rapids on Valentine's Day



Grand Rapids — GRAMMY Award-winning global superstar <u>Kelly Clarkson</u> has announced her highly anticipated Meaning Of Life Tour. Kicking off January 24th in Oakland, CA, the 28-show trek will see Clarkson playing arenas across the United States on her first headline run in three years. The tour will stop in Grand Rapids on **Thursday**, **February 14**, **2019** at **7:00 PM** in SMG-managed <u>Van Andel Arena</u>.

Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning Monday, September 24 at 10:00 AM. Tickets will be available at the Van Andel Arena and DeVos Place®, Ticketmaster.com, and charge by phone at 1-800-745-3000. A purchase limit of six (6) tickets will apply to every order. See Ticketmaster.com for all pricing and availability. An exclusive presale will be available to Van Andel Arena's email list subscribers. To gain access to the presale, sign up for Van Andel Arena's email list by Tuesday, September 18.

Clarkson has partnered with CID Entertainment to offer four VIP Experiences that bundle premium tickets with exclusive show perks. Amenities range from watching the concert at a bar right against the stage to accessing a private lounge with VIP-only photo opportunities, including the chance to strike a pose in Kelly's chair from The Voice. VIP pre-sale starts 9/17 at 10AM local venue time. Kelly Clarkson VIP Experience details are available at https://www.cidentertainment.com/events/kelly-clarkson-tour/.

"Meaning of Life' is the album I always wanted to make and I am so excited to finally be able to tour it!" says Clarkson. "Even while recording it, I couldn't wait for people to experience the music live, to not only hear it, but feel it. It has taken almost a year of planning, and I can't wait to see y'all on the road!"

A seasoned live performer, Clarkson most recently headlined the 2018 US Open Opening Night Ceremony last month with a medley of her greatest hits. The past year also saw Clarkson host and perform on the 2018





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Billboard Music Awards in addition to performances on the American Music Awards, TODAY Show Summer Concert Series, Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular, CMT Awards and many more. Clarkson is further slated for several high-profile TV appearances this month, including The Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon, Late Night with Seth Meyers, TODAY and The View.

Meaning of Life is the album Kelly Clarkson was destined to make with Atlantic Records, a collection of smart and sensual soul-inspired pop that immediately belongs among the legendary label's classic canon. Released to critical acclaim, Newsday praised Meaning of Life as "the best album of her career," while People called it "an impeccable blast of retro R&B." The Associated Press described the album as "the sound of freedom," with The New York Times concurring that "her voice is as big as ever." Meaning of Life features GRAMMY-nominated first single "Love So Soft" and the show-stopping ballad "I Don't Think About You" – both of which have become live show staples alongside Clarkson's extensive catalog of hits.

About Kelly Clarkson

Kelly Clarkson, who recently released her critically acclaimed eighth studio album, Meaning of Life, is among the most popular artists of this era with total worldwide sales of more than 25 million albums and 36 million singles. The Texas-born, Nashville-based singer-songwriter first came to fame in 2002 as the winner of the inaugural season of "American Idol." Clarkson's debut single, "A Moment Like This," followed and quickly went to #1 on Billboard's Hot 100, ultimately ranking as the year's best-selling single in the U.S. Further, Clarkson is, without doubt, one of pop's top singles artists, with 17 singles boasting multi-platinum, platinum and gold certifications around the world, including such global favorites as "Miss Independent" and "Because of You." Clarkson has released eight studio albums (Thankful, Breakaway, My December, All I Ever Wanted, Stronger, Wrapped In Red, Piece By Piece, Meaning of Life), one greatest hits album, and two children's books (New York Times Top 10 best seller River Rose and the Magical Lullaby and the recent follow up River Rose and the Magical Christmas). She is the recipient of an array of awards including three GRAMMY Awards, four American Music Awards, three MTV Video Music Awards, two Academy of Country Music Awards, two American Country Awards, and one Country Music Association Award. She is also the first artist to top each of Billboard's pop, adult contemporary, country and dance charts.

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