



Airport welcomes Final Four[®] fans with entertainment on Thursday & Friday

INDIANAPOLIS—March Madness is in full swing at Indianapolis International Airport!

From welcome signs throughout the terminal and Ground Transportation Center to a huge banner hanging above the escalators in Civic Plaza, the airport is getting ready for thousands of college basketball fans from North Carolina, Michigan, West Virginia, and cities around the U.S. to arrive in Indianapolis this week.

The busiest days at the airport for inbound fans are expected to be Thursday and Friday. Welcome tables will be staged in Baggage Claim, with knowledgeable greeters on hand to answer questions and provide local information to out-of-town guests.

Airport retailers will be selling an array of NCAA items in their stores and kiosks.

The NCAA local operating committee has arranged for a variety of local entertainers to appear at the airport on Thursday and Friday. A stage will be located on the east end of Civic Plaza.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Celtic fiddler **Emily Ann Thompson** will entertain with fiddling that is lively and passionate with a homegrown American flare.
- Noon to 2 p.m. Roving mime in Civic Plaza.
- 1 to 1:45 p.m. **Hearts Ablaze** Clogging Team.
- 2 to 3:30 p.m. Power-pop quartet **Stereo Deluxe** has earned rave reviews from music critics at both *The Star* and *NUVO Newsweekly*.
- 4 to 5:30 p.m. Indie-style band **Ranger**, who has appeared with Collective Soul, is known for their catchy rock lyrics .

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The **Oliver Nelson Jr. Jazz Quartet** will perform the music of Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, and other jazz greats.
- 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. **Too Much Dance Company** is a hip-hop dance troupe who has shown their passion for dance on BET's "Blaze The Stage" and at dance competitions across the U.S.
- 2 to 3:30 p.m. Power-pop quartet **Stereo Deluxe** has earned rave reviews from music critics at both *The Star* and *NUVO Newsweekly*.
- 4 to 5:30 p.m. With a new CD release this week, rock band **Glass Halo** frequently appears at Birdy's, Kip's Pub, Peppers, and other Indy venues.

Other entertainment will take the form of four interactive displays provided and produced by **MusicalDNA** will also be staged in Civic Plaza. The stations will allow fans to play a basketball-shot video game by selecting their favorite Final Four team while “beating the clock” to the tune of the team’s fight song. Visit www.musicaldna.com for details.

After the Final Four[®] concludes, most out-of-town fans are expected to leave the city on Tuesday, April 6. Airport officials estimate more than 15,500 will depart from the airport that day, compared to an average of approx. 10,000 on a typical Tuesday (i.e., during a non-peak travel period).

All travelers departing IND on April 6 should allow plenty of time for check-in and clearing security before their flights, especially for scheduled during the early morning hours.

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