



### **IMPORTANT DATES IN CONSTANT CENTER HISTORY**

#### **1999**

**February 23:** Old Dominion University President James V. Koch announced a \$5 million gift from Virginia Beach resident Theodore “Ted” Constant that will support the 75-acre University Village east of Hampton Boulevard. The President will recommend to the Board of Visitors that ODU’s new convocation center be named the Ted Constant Convocation Center.

**June 17:** Groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Ted Constant Convocation Center on the campus of Old Dominion University

#### **2001**

**December 6:** Old Dominion University names Global Spectrum manager and operator of the Ted Constant Convocation Center

#### **2002**

**October 25:** Dedication ceremonies held for the Ted Constant Convocation Center

**October 28:** First event in Constant Center history is Counting Crows

**November 17:** Roberta Flack and The Virginia Symphony perform at the Constant Center’s dedication event

**November 22:** First regular season Women’s Basketball game – ODU loses to the University of Virginia, 63-55

**November 24:** First regular season Men’s Basketball game – ODU loses to the University of North Carolina, 67-59, in front of a sell-out crowd.

#### **2003**

**February 15:** Rapper 50 Cent plays to a sell-out crowd

**March 9:** The World Famous Harlem Globetrotters play to a sell-out crowd

**March 12-15:** CAA Women’s Basketball Tournament held at the Constant Center. ODU Lady Monarchs win CAA championship with a victory over the University of Delaware, 66-58, and receive automatic berth to the NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament.

**March 22 & 24:** NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Games held at the Constant Center. ODU Lady Monarchs fall to Boston College in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, 74-73.

- March 26:** Dave Matthews plays to a sell-out crowd. The concert sold out in 16 minutes and is recorded as the fastest sell-out in Constant Center history.
- September 13:** Rapper Lil John plays to a sell-out crowd.
- October 20:** The New Orleans Hornets defeat the Philadelphia 76ers, 102-85, in an NBA exhibition game in front of a sellout crowd. The 76ers are owned by Global Spectrum parent company, Comcast-Spectacor.
- November 6:** Comedian Chris Rock performs to a sell-out crowd
- 2004**
- January 23:** Music group 3 Doors Down plays to a sell-out crowd
- March 28 & 30:** NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Regional Finals held at the Constant Center. University of Minnesota advances to the NCAA Women's Basketball Final 4.
- October 1:** Comedian Dave Chappelle performs to a sell-out crowd
- 2005**
- February 12:** ODU Monarchs defeat in-state rival Virginia Commonwealth, 82-76, in front of a sell-out crowd. It marked the venue's first game on ESPN 2.
- February 20:** Comedian Larry The Cable Guy performs to a sell-out crowd
- March 28:** Maroon 5 plays to a sell-out crowd
- April 22:** Music group Green Day plays to a sell-out crowd
- November 11:** Rocker Bruce Springsteen plays to a sell-out crowd
- November 19:** Country artist Keith Urban plays to a sell-out crowd
- 2006**
- February 18:** ODU Monarchs defeat Marist, 84-71, in the first annual ESPN Bracketbuster Tournament played in front of a nationally televised audience and a sell-out crowd at the Constant Center that were all wearing white in honor of the "White Out" promotion.
- March 19 & 21:** NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Games held at the Constant Center. ODU Lady Monarchs fall to George Washington University in the 1<sup>st</sup> round, 87-72.
- March 19:** Tennessee forward Candace Parker is the first female player ever to slam dunk in a women's basketball NCAA Tournament game and the first female to dunk twice in one game.
- March 20:** ODU Men's Basketball team defeats Manhattan, 70-66, to advance to the quarterfinals of the NIT Tournament. It was the first and only, thus far, Men's Basketball post-season game played at the Constant Center.
- May 3:** Fall Out Boy plays to a sell-out crowd.

**September 15:** American Idols Live plays to a sell-out crowd. The concert sold out in less than one hour.

**October 15:** Cheetah Girls with Hannah Montana plays to a sell-out crowd.

**December 9:** Lady Monarchs Head Coach Wendy Larry records her 500<sup>th</sup> career victory with a 77-38 victory over Chicago State University.

## **2007**

**March 2:** Blue Man Group performs to a sell-out crowd.

**July 25:** Old Dominion University renews contract with Global Spectrum, manager and operator of the Ted Constant Convocation Center.

**September 18:** Cox Communications places name on venue's ticketing company. Name of ticketing company becomes COX Tix.