



**313 PRESENTS & ELITE PROMOTIONS GROUP
ANNOUNCE SOCCER WILL RETURN TO COMERICA PARK JULY 30
WITH AN INTERNATIONAL MATCH FEATURING CRYSTAL PALACE VS SEVILLA**



(DETROIT – May 12, 2023) – 313 Presents announced today that they will host a world-class pre-season match between English Premier League Club, Crystal Palace FC, and LaLiga’s Sevilla FC. The professional soccer match will take place at Comerica Park on Sunday, July 30 at 7 p.m.

The ticket on-sale for the match is to be announced. To receive announcements and access to the latest information on on-sales, presales and special offers for concerts and events at Comerica Park, visit www.313presents.com/contact-us/email-sign-up.

This match will mark the return of international football to Comerica Park for the first time in six years. In July 2017, Comerica Park hosted its first-ever soccer match between AS Roma of the Italian Serie A League against Paris Saint-Germain of France’s Ligue 1 in the 2017 International Champions Cup tournament.

“We are thrilled to have international soccer return to Comerica Park for a match between two elite football clubs,” said Howard Handler, President of 313 Presents. *“This match-up will provide metro Detroit’s soccer fans a unique opportunity to watch their favorite European clubs play once again in person.”*

Competing in what is widely regarded as the best league in the world, London-based Crystal Palace is currently placed 12th in the English Premier League and the Eagles will enter their 11th consecutive season in the top-flight of English football next season.

The club is currently managed by former England Men’s National Team manager Roy Hodgson and their squad is packed full of international stars such as US Men’s National Team player Chris Richards, England international Marc Guehi, Ghana’s Jordan Ayew and Jeffrey Schlupp, and Denmark’s Joachim Andersen.

Palace also have some of the most exciting, young attacking talent in the Premier League in Eberechi Eze and Michael Olise.

Crystal Palace Chairman Steve Parish said: *“We are absolutely delighted to return to the US for the first time since 2016. We have so many loyal supporters Stateside who regularly visit us in London, and even more who wake up early every weekend to watch on NBC – so it will be a fantastic to play in front of them all against such strong opposition this July.”*

313 Presents is coordinating Crystal Palace’s second match of their pre-season tour – with the Eagles taking on LaLiga side Sevilla FC, before the Spanish giants head to Mexico and California to participate in the LaLiga Summer Tour.

Sevilla FC is one of Spain's big 6 LaLiga clubs and the second oldest club (1890). It has a team full of international stars, such as captain Jesús Navas, Croatian Ivan Rakitić and three players from Argentina's FIFA World Cup winning team, Gonzalo Montiel, Marcos Acuña and Papu Gómez. The club has won every possible domestic title (Copa Andalucía, LaLiga, Copa de España and Supercopa de España) and holds the record number of UEFA Europa League trophies (6). This season they eliminated Manchester United in the quarter finals and now face Juventus FC in the semifinals.

President José Castro said: *“While we remain focused on the rest of this season, to know that next season’s preparation is already arranged is very positive for the club. Playing against a quality Premier League opponent like Crystal Palace is a great opportunity. I am sure that there will be a unique atmosphere for this match. Seville FC is proud to visit Detroit and the United States of America and meet its fans”.*

The return of professional soccer to Detroit will highlight the continued expertise of Elite Promotions Group and their commitment to bring best in class international football events to the American market.

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About 313 Presents

313 Presents is Detroit’s premier live entertainment company. Inspired by the soul of Detroit, 313 Presents promotes and produces concerts, theatrical productions, sporting events and family shows at six world-class venues across southeast Michigan including Little Caesars Arena, the historic Fox Theatre featuring Proud Partner Comerica Bank, Comerica Park, Pine Knob Music Theatre Presented by Proud Partners United Wholesale Mortgage, Trinity Health and Ally, Meadow Brook Amphitheatre, and Michigan Lottery Amphitheatre. Headquartered in The District Detroit, 313 Presents is a joint venture between Ilitch Sports + Entertainment and Pistons Sports & Entertainment. For additional information, visit 313Presents.com.

About Crystal Palace F.C.

Crystal Palace F.C. was established in 1861, playing its first match in March 1862, and was a founder member of both the Football Association and FA Cup. The Eagles – who play in red and blue - have played their home matches at Selhurst Park in South London since 1924, in front of a passionate supporter base who are widely regarded as creating one of the best atmospheres in English football. US supporters will be familiar with the Eagles' home stadium as it was the location for Ted Lasso and AFC Richmond's home ground. www.cpfcc.co.uk

About Sevilla F.C.

Sevilla Fútbol Club is the most successful club in southern Spain. One LaLiga title, six UEFA Europa League titles, five Copa del Rey titles, one European Super Cup, one Spanish Super Cup and 18 Andalusian Cups are among the club's honors. Founded in 1890, they are the second oldest club in Spain and are sixth in the all-time LaLiga table. Despite beginning the 21st century in the Second Division, Sevilla FC have the third-most trophies and qualifications for Europe out of all Spanish clubs, and became the kings of the UEFA Europa League, winning it on six occasions. In 2006 and 2007 they were voted the best team in the world by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics. In the 2021/22 season, they qualified for the Champions League for the sixth time in eight seasons. www.sevillafc.es