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**Mabee Center**  
**Legendary Performances**  
**featuring B.B. King**

**TULSA OK- Mabee Center is proud to welcome B.B. KING! After sixty years in the music business, the king of blues still reigns, BB KING hits the stage New Year's Eve, December 6, 2009 at 7:30pm.**

**Special New Year's Eve Package- 2 tickets for \$99.00 ( Prices include all taxes and fees)**

**The legendary B.B. King is without a doubt the single most important electric guitarist of the last half century. His bent notes and staccato picking style have influenced legions of contemporary bluesmen, while his gritty and confident voice -- capable of wringing every nuance from any lyric -- provides a worthy match for his passionate playing.**

**Between 1951 and 1985, King notched an impressive 74 entries on Billboard's R&B charts, and he was one of the few full-fledged blues artists to score a major pop hit when his 1970 smash "The Thrill Is Gone" crossed over to mainstream success (engendering memorable appearances on The Ed Sullivan Show and American Bandstand). Since that time, he has partnered with such musicians as Eric Clapton and U2 while managing his own acclaimed solo career, all the while maintaining his immediately recognizable style on the electric guitar.**



**King celebrated his 80th birthday in 2005 with the star-studded album 80, which featured guest spots from such varied artists as Gloria Estefan, John Mayer, and Van Morrison. Live was issued in 2008; that same year, King released an engaging return to pure blues, One Kind Favor, which eschewed the slick sounds of his 21st century work for a stripped-back approach. After sixty years in the music business, the king of blues still reigns.**

**Tickets can be purchased online at [www.mabeecenter.com](http://www.mabeecenter.com) or by calling the Hilton box office at the Mabee Center 1-800-678-1353 or 918-495-6000.**