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Rising Country Band, Old Dominion, Coming to Stambaugh Auditorium in 2017

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On Thursday, February 16th, Stambaugh Auditorium will welcome rising country band, Old Dominion to Youngstown. Tabbed by *Billboard*, *Rolling Stone*, and *Huffington Post* as a “2015 band to watch,” Old Dominion’s first album, *Meat and Candy*, was released the same year. Tickets go on sale Friday, November 4th at 10am through the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Their biggest hits include “Dirt on a Road,” “Nowhere Fast,” “Break Up with Him,” and “Song for Another Time.” They have already received recognition as one of country music’s elite. They’ve won the Academy of Country Music (ACM) and American Country Countdown Awards (ACCA) Breakthrough Duo/Group of the Year awards. They’ve also been nominated for two Country Music Awards (CMA) including Best New Artist and Vocal Group of the Year. The five member band was formed in Nashville, TN.

Old Dominion thought of themselves as road warriors with an estimated 200 show dates a year. “We’re just now crossing that threshold where people know our name, but we’ve been a band for around 10 years,” said front man Matthew Ramsey. “We enjoy playing with each other so much... We really built a fan base by incessant touring around the country.”

They spent the summer of 2015 as an opener for Kenny Chesney’s *Big Revival Tour* before they even had a record deal. Old Dominion’s members also have songwriting credits for artists such as Chesney, Blake Shelton, Dierks Bentley, Luke Bryan, Keith Urban, and The Band Perry, among others.

Unlike many artists, they recorded *Meat and Candy* almost entirely by themselves. “The only session musicians we brought in were for keyboard and an acoustic guitar player,” said drummer Whit Sellers. “That’s something we’re pretty proud of and want people to know.”

Tickets for this show go on sale Friday, November 4th at 10am. For tickets, call 330-259-0555, go to stambaughauditorium.com, or visit the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium in person. The box office is open Monday through Friday, 9am-6pm and Saturday, 10am-2pm.

About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom (Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom), a recital hall (Anne K. Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional events many of which use the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office to sell and distribute tickets. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.