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Madonna to Face Pickets as she Opens Tour at LA Forum ***Locked Out Stagehands Ask Fans to Help as Superstar Crosses Picket Line***

(Inglewood, CA) - Pop diva Madonna will open her Confessions Tour this Sunday, May 21 at the LA Forum, while locked-out stagehands picket and rally outside. Hundreds of supporters will join the stagehands and other former Forum workers, including janitors and engineers. They will ask Madonna and her fans to support the workers by limiting their concession purchases. The Forum's owner receives significant revenue from those sales.

Stagehand veterans have been seeking a new contract with the LA Forum for two years. They were locked out after their paychecks were slashed by more than 35 percent for rehearsals and other types of work. Janitors had their contracts terminated in February. The Building Engineers were forced out of the Forum last year.

WHO: Stagehands, janitors, engineers
Supporters
Sympathetic Madonna fans

WHAT: Rally and protest outside opening of Madonna's Confessions Tour

WHERE: LA Forum
Intersection of Prairie and Pincay
Across from Bourbon St. Fish Market (601 S. Prairie Ave.)
Inglewood, CA 90301

WHEN: Sunday, May 21
5:30 pm
6:30 pm -7pm Madonna expected to drive through the picket line

VISUALS: Hundreds of workers and supporters
Banners, semi-trailers, picket signs, musical band, flyers

MEDIA PARKING: Media parking will be available at the Bourbon Fish Market across from the Forum at 601. S. Prairie Ave.

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