

Renaissance man Terry Crews to visit OU on April 1

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Actor, activist, best-selling author, former collegiate and NFL athlete, game show and reality TV show host, product pitchman and “motivational speaker and do-er” Terry Crews is returning to his home state for “An Evening with Terry Crews” at Oakland University’s O’Rena at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1.



Terry Crews returns to his home state for "An Evening with Terry Crews" on April 1.

This ticketed event is open to the Oakland University community and the general public. While there is no charge for tickets, there is a limit of three tickets per person. Tickets can be picked up in person starting Monday, March 9, at 9:00 a.m. at the Office for Student Involvement service window, 49 Oakland Center. Tickets can also be ordered by phone by calling 248-370-4407.

Crews, originally from Flint, speaks from his own personal life experiences ranging from being abused in childhood to earning an art scholarship to the Interlochen Center for the Arts, to using his athletic ability to earn a scholarship to play football at Western Michigan University and later the NFL. He talks about his drive to develop a Hollywood career and shares stories of his bumpy journey to the stardom he enjoys today.

An inspiration to many, Crews says, “Whatever is meant to destroy you can be your salvation.”

Crews has developed an impressive resume of film and television work that includes being a part of “The Expendables” film franchise, part of the Golden Globe Award-winning series “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” and of course, his role in the wildly popular Old Spice deodorant commercials over the years.

He has also hosted “Who Wants to be a Millionaire,” “World’s Funniest” and “America’s Got Talent.” In addition, Crews directed his own Travel Channel documentary where he explored his childhood, interviewed his parents, visited automobile plants and talked about Detroit’s resilience following the economic downturn.

Crews’ visit is sponsored by the Oakland University Student Life Lecture Board and co-sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and Diversity, Oakland University Student Congress, Residence Life Association, Student Activities Funding Board, Student Program Board and Student Video Productions.

For more information or to request special assistance, contact the Office for Student Involvement at 248-370-2400.

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