Cajundome marks 29 years of events

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Twenty-nine years ago Monday, Lafayette celebrated the opening of a new arena — the Cajundome — that has since hosted dozens of high school and college graduations and some of the world's greatest entertainers.

Here are some memorable dates in that 29-year history.

» 1981: Construction starts
» Nov. 10, 1985: Cajundome opens
» Nov. 11, 1985: Country music legend Kenny Rogers gambles on Cajundome
» Nov. 22, 1985: Racin' Cajuns basketball plays first game in arena
» July 10, 1986: Mother Teresa leads prayer service
» August 1986: Stevie Wonder wows crowd
» Nov. 14, 1992: Garth Brooks' 'Friends in Low Places' pack Cajundome
» May 1995: The Eagles soar into the Cajundome
» Nov. 5, 1995: Louisiana IceGators play first game in "frozen swamp"

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Country musician Miranda Lambert touches fans while performing at the Cajundome in September.

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» March 17, 1999: Elton John draws second-biggest crowd to Cajundome
» April 2002: Cajundome Convention Center opens.
» March 2003: Cher says farewell to fans
» March 25, 2004: Legends Aerosmith and Cheap Trick rock the dome

Katrina evacuees from New Orleans area take refuge in Cajundome

July 29, 2007: Fan groping at Tim McGraw-Faith Hill concert lands Lafayette on national news

January 2008: Miley Cyrus/Hanna Montana rocks Cajundome

August 2010: Justin Bieber brings My World Tour to Lafayette

October 2013: Keith Urban ‘Lights the Fuse’ in Cajundome

September 2005: Miranda Lambert delights with Platinum Tour

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