

Lakers to Open Season Tonight



LOS ANGELES, October 31, 2006 - The Los Angeles Lakers will open their season against the Phoenix Suns Tuesday at a sold-out Staples Center with a nod to their days at the Forum.

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The focus of the arena's lighting will be changed in what the Lakers are calling "Lights Out," to have the arena's lights focused on the court and other lighting dimmed, as it was at the Forum.

"One of the big complaints when the Lakers moved from the Forum to Staples Center was that it didn't have the same intimacy the Forum had," said Jeanie Buss, the Lakers' executive vice president of business operations. "By refocusing the lights, so that they're more on the court as opposed to the whole stands in general, we're going to bring back that Forum feeling."



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