

AA Anticore

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Hey everybody!

Happy September!

Last month, we played the prestigious Daryl's House and it was outstanding! AA Anticore had a full house on a Sunday (thank you to all you intrepid devotees that made the trip on a (potentially) work night) and I'm working on securing us a return visit, hopefully on a Saturday next year. Fingers crossed that we impressed them with enough of a turnout to prove




worthy. We KNOW the audio crew loved us enough to want us back. We'll keep you guys in the loop.

This month is our annual engagement in Niagara Falls, at Evening Star Concert Hall. A nice, cozy venue with a huge sound. I have to admit - the first time I played there, back in another tribute show, in 2014, I pulled up outside and said "Geez! Are we really playing here?" However, that was totally out of line. I walked inside and was totally impressed with every aspect of the place. The bar room was welcoming, then I walked through a doorway into a separate concert room, dominated by a massive stage and I was suddenly impressed. It's a fun place to play - a great sound system, good lighting, owner Billy Kowalczyk is a hospitable and gracious host. He is a musician himself, so he treats his incoming talent well. We love and appreciate The Evening Star and, though it's distant from our home base, it's well worth our time and effort to make this yearly pilgrimage to Niagara Falls, NY. We've also just had radio ads created for the week before the show, so if you happen to be in the Buffalo area listening to 97Rock, let me know if you hear an ad and how it sounds! (There could be free tickets in it for you if you hear it....)


Just yesterday (Aug 31) we were paid a very high compliment. Drum Talk TV - a live video show on Facebook with over a million fans in over 130 countries - did a one hour show devoted to *Manticore* - the tribute to ELP! Hosts Dan Shinder and Jason Gianni spent the entire hour talking about *Manticore*, the work that goes into creating and sustaining a quality tribute show and showed & discussed some of our videos. If you're at all interested, you can click on this link and view the entire show (with comments): <https://www.facebook.com/DrumTalkTV/videos/604079211306087>

As I spoke of last month, while [Prog on the Ranch](#) isn't coming up until beginning of February 2023, tickets will be going on sale and [The POTR Grid](#) will be opening, all on Saturday, September 17. So if you're planning

on going and/or playing in one of the Grid formations, you'll want to be accessing [The POTR Grid](#) Facebook page to stay up to the minute on activities in advance of the actual attendance date.

Also this week, the boys and I were discussing the noticeable dearth of swag in the  vault. We're probably going to go down into the dungeon and haul up the tee-shirt press in the near future. Initially, swag will only be sold at shows, but that could change, as this is still only just a thought in our little heads. That said, this will be incentive to get up off your as.....uh, I mean, head over to the  EVENT page to see when  is playing in a theatre near you. Seriously, though, no info is available yet on swag, but as **'Core Fans**, we'll see that you at least have the details before anyone else.

In addition, we're exploring the possibilities of a future video shoot - no details are known yet, it's something we've only just established an exploratory committee to investigate. So, when the committee (me) comes back with its findings, we'll enlighten you further.

And there you have it. That's just about it in keeping y'all current on all things . If anything else develops in the meanwhile, we'll be sure to notify you guys first! Promise.


As a side note: I've lost over 35 lbs and can now fit into the leather pants that I purchased several years ago for use onstage. That said, I'm now totally sweating my face off at performances.....but I wouldn't have it any other way!

Meanwhile, keep spreading the word that there's a tribute show in the New York area that plays Emerson Lake & Palmer, keep listening to the greatest music ever created in the history of the world and if you know anyone else that is interested in getting our monthly newsletter, put them in touch with

me and I'll get them on the 'Core Fans List faster than you can play the Fugue! Or faster than I can play The Fugue! Fast!

Thanks again for caring and hanging with us.

Love and peace,

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