



Hey everybody! It's August already! Summer is in full swing!

Manticore took off for June and July - I'm horrified to say that we didn't even rehearse! Well, it's not like we weren't busy doing other stuff..... summertime stuff - traveling, trying new cocktail recipes, working (yes, 2/3 of the band have real day jobs to take care of) - so with several months in between shows, rehearsing tends to take a back seat. However, as any musician playing this kind of music will tell you, if you don't continually play and practice prog, it goes away! But we would never let that happen - as you know, your source for live Emerson Lake & Palmer's music is extremely limited, we take our responsibility to represent the brand of ELP seriously and would never want to disappoint you, the 'Core Fans!

On to business: this month, exciting news for the Long Island/Hudson Valley crowd: **Manticore** will be playing back-to-back shows! For the Hudson Valley crowd, we'll be back at [The Towne Crier Cafe](#) in good ol' Beacon NY on Saturday, Aug 16! Then, for the Long Island/NYC area, we'll have our first performance at the newly-renovated [Boulton Center For The Performing Arts](#) in Bay Shore! JD Sarantakos (of Criss Angel Mindfreak TV show) and his business partner, George Peterson, came down to see the **Manticore** livestream from Blockhead TV Studio in Farmingdale and instantly fell in love. JD contacted us the very next day and insisted that we bring our show to an intimate, local venue that he happens to be producing and presenting multiple shows at - The Boulton Center in Bay Shore - and give Long Island a healthy serving of Emerson Lake & Palmer! In addition to the performance, he insisted we include a VIP package for fans to get an extra dose of **Manticore** with their show, and we were delighted to oblige. So this particular show has 24 seats - the front two rows - set aside for VIP patrons to come early, see some of the sound check, have photos taken with the band while seated behind Little John's drums (a bash of the big gong is included), and each VIP guest will go home with an autographed 11"x17" poster of **Manticore** in action!





After our August shows, get ready Pennsylvania.....

Manticore will make our debut in Annville at the celebrated [Allen Theatre](#)! Located in the heart of PA, an hour and a half west of Philadelphia and not far from Harrisburg, the Allen Theatre is an historic venue, built in the early 1900's. If you're coming, make sure to get there early enough to check

out all the CDs, vinyl and paraphernalia in the co-owned Salamander Bookstore Cafe on the premises! Owner Michael Cantor is working hard to make The Allen a destination for tribute shows and Prog, so let's do our best to attend shows there. Our compatriots, [Total Mass Retain](#) a tribute to Yes, and [Know Return/Fooling Ourselves](#) tribute to Kansas & Styx, respectively, are already booked there - KR/FO this weekend on Sat Aug 2 and TMR on Fri Sept 12 - so let's share the love and head to Annville (just down the block from Hershey PA) for the best live music on the east coast! As a matter of fact, here are the upcoming schedules for our prog-associates. Please see if any of their shows are convenient to y'all, because if you haven't seen them yet, they're totally worth your time and effort! And if you can't get to their shows, please tell everyone you know who would appreciate their music about these shows - particularly if it happens to be in their neck of the woods. Thanks from us and them!

KR/FO

Sat Aug 2 - Allen Theatre, Annville PA

Sun Aug 10 - Milton Theater, Milton DE

Fri Oct 3 - The Landis, Vineland NJ

Nov 8 - Colonial Theater, Phoenixville PA (same nite as **Manticore**, jus' sayin')

Dec 20 - City Winery, Philadelphia PA

TMR

Thurs Aug 6 - Canal Square Park, Cohoes NY

Fri Sep 12 - Allen Theatre, Annville PA

Sat Oct 18 - Towne Crier, Beacon NY (same nite as ~~the~~ **Manticore**, jus' sayin')

Sat Nov 1 - Cutting Room, NYC

Fri Nov 14 - The Vogel Count Basie, Red Bank NJ

...and while I'm at it, I might as well include our **Manticore** calendar, as it stands for the rest of the year. Btw, there will be another show or two to be added.

A little about June. While John and Ron were busy working and building stuff, I (Rob) was going out to see shows and representing

the **Manticore** brand across The Pond. Yes, when I retired from the day-to-day grind of a "real" job, I became able to look after my band on a full-

time bases, hence I manifested "going to shows and socializing" as a career choice. So in the interest of shameless self-promotion, I've taken up the gauntlet of going to shows and looking for opportunities to talk about what we do. One hand washes the other.....I support our friends, and in return, I get





to talk about the greatest opportunity I've had in my adult life, touring the northeast US with two great musicians, playing and conserving the music of Emerson Lake & Palmer! Totally a win-win! So I went to see Kansas and The Outlaws at the Catholic Health Amphitheater at Bald Hill with

good friend Chuck Whitmore, keyboardist for Know Return/Fooling Ourselves Kansas/Styx tribute show, and former Keyboard Magazine writer Jerry Kovarsky and his wife. While



Manticore's Rob, Jerry & Chuck with Kansas' Tom Brislin, Joe Deninzon and Scott Bernard



there, I was able to chat with some Manticore fans who recognized me and catch up with



my old pal Rocky from WBAB. But back to Kansas.....It's a rare privilege for tribute band members to be able to meet and hang out with the band you're paying tribute to - even if none of the original members are there. It's the same way we appreciate ~~M~~*M*anticore's relationships with Carl, Paul Bielatowicz & Simon Fitzpatrick. That recognition is precious to us and we know that our fans appreciate the connections and the stories we have.

Meanwhile, I was looking for an excuse to visit the UK this summer and our pals [Noddy's Puncture](#) came through with the ideal justification.....a show at The



Cluny in Newcastle upon Tyne at the end of June! Bingo! It was gratifying to see them garner a full house for their show - and equally gratifying seeing a bunch of audience members wearing ~~M~~*M*anticore tee-shirts, including the band! Make sure to look for some of the videos posted from the show!



Shameless Merch-Promotion

We are fully in stock in the swag department

and we make it available for purchase at all of our concert events. The 15 oz coffee mugs have been selling better than we expected (apparently many of

you don't mind seeing OUR mugs first thing in the morning), so we've replenished their supply. We only have one or two baseball caps left but we still have an ample

supply of Manticore knit beanies (which are not only for winter, if you take fashion tips from the Monkees' Mike Nesmith), and our exclusive Manticore Pins, which are really cute and a must-have for 'Core Fans. We also have Manticore shirts in all sizes from M to 3XL. We still get requests for online sales, but that's not gonna be a thing for a while, at least. So please just come down to a show, enjoy the music and take home a physical reminder of the show, if you're so inclined.



OUR mugs on a mug!



In Conclusion...

Hope to see many of you in the next few weeks. Thank you so much for following us on social media, watching our videos and supporting live music in general! While our main focus is keeping the ELP legacy alive in perpetuity, we appreciate you all constantly braving traffic and the elements to come out in person to enjoy shows. So spread the word to anyone you know, that there's an Emerson Lake & Palmer tribute show around called **Manticore** that they need to experience! Stay safe in the heat and stay hydrated! Cheers!

Peace and love!

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