



Hey all!

August is here and it's time for the August Enewsletter.

Over the last two months, we've been using the personal time to get our individual sanity back. Ron planted trees and harvested some produce from his organic garden, Rob kissed the Blarney Stone and John celebrated his 41st wedding anniversary. We've been busy, on our own, but now it's time to get back down to business..... *Manticore* business!





August brings us back to the inimitable Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon, NY. The [Towne Crier](#) is a spectacular venue that has been a great destination for talent since 1972, having hosted a seemingly endless list of artists not the least of which are Allan Holdsworth, Renaissance, Steve Morse, Bela Fleck, Tony Levin, Stanley Jordan, our friends Total Mass Retain. We had the amazing Paul Bielatowicz, guitarist from Carl Palmer's Legacy Band open for us there - even debuting one of the songs from his epic Nosferatu soundtrack in his set - and later joined us onstage for several songs.



Towne Crier is a stellar place to see and hear great live music that's only about an hour north of New York City - you could even be home in time to catch Saturday Night Live (if that's what you really want to do...).



After August, we'll be back in the Philadelphia area for our debut performance at the [Sellersville Theater](#). Sellersville has been on our radar for years and this

is the first time we've been able to get them on our calendar. Carl Palmer's Legacy has played there and so has Tarkus, the New Jersey-based ELP tribute band. And speaking of Tarkus, we've invited their keyboardist Keith Turner, singer Mike Ian and percussionist John Cassidy to join us during our show! Contrary to the situation that inexplicably arises between other tribute bands, there is no rivalry in the ELP arena. We are working toward the same goal: to keep the music and memory of Emerson Lake & Palmer alive and relevant. Mike, Keith and John have been friends of  for a long time and while I've been heard to say "we don't play well with others" from time to time, that is in regard to our rather unique stage constraints and setup/breakdown time, and has nothing to do with our friends. We love to have our compatriots join in the fun whenever possible. We've had such luminaries as Rachel Flowers, Pauly Bee and Michael Ponella playing with us from time to time. We've invited Carl Palmer to make an appearance and possibly even sit in, but he has yet to attend a  show. Granted, he's a busy guy and is seldom in the same



area that we'd happen to be playing, but never say never. We have had conversations with Mr. Palmer (aside from the C&D letter, which we don't even talk about any more) and we'll continue to invite him in the hopes that one day our schedules will coincide. He has invited ~~Manticore~~ *Manticore* to play at the next Carl Palmer ProgCamp, if and when it happens (maybe 2025?), so keep an eye on this space, as you'll hear about it first here in the 'Core Fans Enewsletter. Promise!

And speaking of Carl Palmer, he's out and touring again. He has various shows happening throughout the US during the months of August and September - some of them with Yes (Jon Anderson & the Band Geeks)!

Manticore will be in attendance at the upcoming CP/Yes show at the Capitol Theater in Port Chester, NY on Thursday, September 19. I'm fairly certain some of our friends in [Total Mass Retain](#) will be there, too, so make sure to find us and say hi.



Don't forget about our big Long Island show at the historic [Suffolk Theater](#) in Riverhead on Saturday, October 19th (tix are available now) and we'll be returning to the newly renovated stage at the Strand Theatre in Hudson Falls NY on November 9th



We're in the process of locking in dates for the 2025 calendar year. We presently have the [Dunellen Theatre](#) in Dunellen NJ locked in for April 26 and we're still in talks with Daryl's House and Colonial Theatre about return engagements. There are some other new venues that could potentially pan out, but nothing I can talk about just yet. You'll know when we know.

That's about it for now. Keep enjoying the Summer! Stay hydrated and don't leave Fifi in the hot car. We look forward to seeing all of you at subsequent shows and keep spreading the word about *Manticore* and spread the ELP gospel!

Cheers!

Peace and love!

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