

AA Anticore

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Hey everybody!

Wishing a glorious October to one and all.

Last month, *AA Anticore* did our annual trip up to Niagara Falls to play at the Evening Star Music Hall. Always a fun time, we did our usual - stopped at a NY vinyard ([20 Deep Winery](#) in Rochester) on the way, visited The Falls, had our (now) traditional night-before band dinner at the [Anchor Bar](#) (home of the ORIGINAL Buffalo Wings - once you've had them, you

understand and realize that everything else is just a wannabe) and settled in for a great show at the Evening Star. Chris Noto, Archivist for ELP, honored us with a heartfelt introduction to get the show started and we were off and running. If you've never been to Niagara Falls, it's totally worth the drive. There's plenty to do there and if you time your trip just right, you can catch a Manticore show while you're there.

Coming up in October, we're venturing into deepest, darkest New Jersey.... Uh, well, no, it's only right across the George Washington Bridge, but it is our only show in Jersey this year. Apologies to our Jersey fans that are west and south....but it's Jersey, nonetheless (we're exploring some other venues that will get us further into the state...please bear with us. We're doing what we can to broaden our scope and sphere-of-influence). In any case, we'll be at the [Debonair Music Hall](#) in Teaneck, NJ on Saturday, October 22nd. It'll be great to be closer to home, and Teaneck is very close to home. The venue is only 15 miles from the Throg's Neck Bridge and is less than an hour from The Lair. Yes, Long Islanders and Manhattanites, this venue is NOT a daunting distance from home....it's only across one or two bridges, maybe a tunnel, and you're there. We fully expect to see a great turnout of local fans that need their ELP fix and can't stand to wait until December to get it. As an added enticement, we plan on introducing some exciting new swag at this show that will definitely make it worth your while. That's right, the new *Manticore* teeshirts and knit hats will make their debut at the Debonair show. How fitting is that? You can look debonaire at the Debonair!

In the Developments Category, *Manticore* has been [invited back to play at Daryl's House once again!](#) We had a full house when we were there this past August, but we'll want to pack the house this time - mark your calendars now, we'll be there on Thursday, May 25 - because this time, we'll be doing a live video recording of the show! Please come up and be a part of the magic at this extraordinary venue whose primary objective is to support live music! And what better way than to present it in the best

way possible - with an amazing sound and lighting system, and a professional tech staff that's tops in their field. Plus the food there is amazing, with an eclectic menu (carefully overseen by Daryl), and chef Elena Angelides in charge in the kitchen.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook Events](#) section or, if you're not a Facebook person, our Upcoming Shows window on the  [Manticore website](#) or the [BandsInTown website](#). We're gradually filling in our 2023 calendar. As most of you are probably aware,  only plays out once a month, which limits the number of locations we can get to during the course of a year. But due to the fact that, in addition to playing this mind-bogglingly complex music, (here's a peek into the inner workings of ) we do everything ourselves - roadie, transport, booking, promotion, show logistics, merch, website design & maintenance, etc. Added to that, two thirds of the band still work full time jobs - own their own companies, for that matter - so suffice it to say that we're not a full-time, touring show. With all the moving parts behind the scenes, bringing a show even once a month to the northeast US is a monstrous endeavor. Not that we don't enjoy what we do - it's truly a passion and a labor of love, at every level - but it's a daunting task, nonetheless and we're proud to be able to deliver a jaw-dropping performance of the music of Emerson Lake & Palmer everyplace we're booked. We appreciate how rare are the opportunities to see anyone performing this much-revered and stunningly complicated music and we're happy to bring it to as many venues as will have us.

Lastly, don't forget that tickets to [Prog on the Ranch 2023](#) are now up for sale on their website. If you want to break up the Winter with some warmth, amazing Prog, camaraderie and BBQ, the [Crimson Sky Ranch](#) is a welcoming and happening place to be - and we'll be there delivering some of the hottest ELP you've seen in years, along with special guests - Rachel Flowers and Paul Bielatowicz - jumping on stage and joining in the fun. Other bands headlining will be Awaken (Yes tribute), Great Wide

Nothing, Orpheus 9, Local 518 (featuring David Pastorius), Rachel Flowers and Paul Bielatowicz (of Carl Palmer's Legacy Band). ALSO performing that same weekend, will be the [following groups](#): Van Hranicky (Van Halen tribute), Starless (John Wetton tribute), Lambtrot (Genesis tribute), The Very Nice (Nice tribute), Boris & the Spiders (Who tribute), Maynard's Tool (Tool tribute), The Logical Band (Supertramp tribute) and assorted musicians playing their favorite songs on The Grid. It will be a total music weekend that will be well-worth the trip!

Thanks again for caring and hanging with us.

Love and peace,

Rob Shepard and The  Manticore Team

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