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TOTO – DOGZ OF OZ TOUR IS COMING TO MYSTIC LAKE MAR. 18

Tickets on sale Dec. 17

PRIOR LAKE, Minn. – Dec. 15, 2021 – Legendary American rock band Toto are bringing their Dogz Of Oz Tour to the Mystic Showroom stage at 8 p.m. Friday, Mar. 18, 2022.

Toto's "Africa" recently crossed the threshold of one billion streams on Spotify. This accomplishment speaks to the continual discovery of the band's repertoire, alongside the multi-generational fan base enjoying a composition that is nearing 40 years since the band's album "IV" was released. Cumulative Spotify streams exceed 3.3 billion plays.

The band recently released "With A Little Help From My Friends" via The Players Club/Mascot Label Group. To screen the title track, which presents the new lineup of Toto, [click here](#). Steve Lukather shares, "We are keeping the music of Toto alive with a little help from our friends." Joseph Williams offers, "In the midst of a global pandemic and an unprecedented lockdown we realized a few things. Musicians must play and people need to get together to watch them. It was then Luke, Dave and I decided to call upon our friends to create this performance. We welcomed new friends onto the stage and found an instant connection with them. Welcomed back old friends to do a little work! The fact is we couldn't have pulled it off without the love and support of our friends and family. Never has a title or a song been more appropriate. I hope you enjoy 'With a Little Help From My Friends!'"

The global tour that will stretch several years is presented by Toto co-founder and musical director David Paich. Joining Steve Lukather and Joseph Williams on the road are new band members bassist John Pierce (Huey Lewis and The News), drummer Robert "Sput" Searight (Ghost-Note), and keyboardist/background vocalist Steve Maggiora (Robert Jon & The Wreck). Keyboardist Dominique "Xavier" Taplin (Prince, Ghost-Note) and multi-instrumentalist/vocalist Warren Ham (Ringo Starr) segued over continuing their tenure in the ensemble. This marks the fifteenth incarnation of the Toto line-up in consideration of band members or sidemen who joined or exited.

Steve Lukather offers, "When the music is performed by great musicians it honors Toto. The documentary featured on the DVD offers great insights into our thoughts looking forward. David, who stands with us, alongside Joe and myself, desire to keep this music alive. And Paich could pop in any time for a show as a special surprise. We'll be selecting a broader mix from the Toto catalog that includes deep cuts, the hits and tunes from Joe and my recently released solo albums. Both of us could not be more thrilled with the global response to these records."

Luke and Joseph Williams are lifelong friends since they were kids, and bandmates sharing a deep colorful history that has thrived professionally on a global basis over the past decades. Luke offers, "There is a refreshing, optimistic enthusiasm to step into the future. At this moment, Joe and I are the only long-tenured members of the band that want to be on the road continuing

to bring music to our multi-generational fan base. I've spent almost four and a half decades of my life as the only original member who never missed a show or an album nurturing this legacy while enabling the music to continually exist in the live concert setting. That is something I'll never stop doing, and when we inevitably return to the road it presents a rare opportunity to reimagine our personal futures while simultaneously preserving the deep connection that exists with the audience while likewise yielding continual discovery." Williams adds, "Luke and I have been through a lot with one another. He's like a brother to me. Our creative partnership has always enriched our lives. As we look towards what's to come in unison, there is nothing but anticipation to bring everything in our minds to life. I can't think of anyone else on Earth I'd rather launch the next chapter with than with this lifelong, loyal and gifted friend and band mate. We're the last men standing...The Dogz of Oz."

"With A Little Help From My Friends" was produced by Joseph Williams, who also edited the accompanying long-form video. The band's longtime front-of-house engineer Ken Freeman mixed and captured the sound. On Feb. 26, Luke and Joe presented solo albums via The Players Club/Mascot Label Group which charted in multiple territories across the globe. Both artists made significant contributions to the other's recordings. Additionally, David Paich performed on select tracks on Luke's "I Found The Sun Again" and Williams' "Denizen Tenant." The titles were released on LP, CD and a limited-edition deluxe edition is available with the two titles bundled together. Available [here](#); and [here](#) .

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets to see Toto – Dogz Of Oz Tour at 8 p.m. Friday, Mar. 18, 2022, in the Mystic Showroom will be available Dec. 17 starting at \$49. Contact the Mystic Box Office at 952-496-6563 or visit mysticlake.com for more details.

Event: Toto – Dogz Of Oz Tour
Date & Time: 8 p.m. Friday, Mar. 18, 2022
Place: Mystic Showroom®
Tickets: Starting at \$49
On sale: 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 2021

ABOUT TOTO

Over the past several years, Toto have had a major renaissance in popularity like few bands at this point in their career. Their 40th anniversary in 2018 was marked by their release of a brand-new greatest hits album, "40 Trips Around The Sun" and embarking on their most successful worldwide tour to date. Few ensembles in the history of recorded music have individually or collectively had a larger imprint on pop culture than the members of Toto. As individuals, the band members can be heard on an astonishing 5000 albums that together amass a sales history of a half a billion albums. Amongst these recordings, NARAS applauded the performances with more than 200 Grammy nominations.

Collectively Toto has over two billion streams worldwide on all streaming services. Just last year one of their biggest hits "Africa" went from being a platinum single to being recently recertified six times Platinum. The band has found a new generation of fans. With more than 40 years together and literally thousands of credits, including the biggest-selling album of all time: Michael Jackson's "Thriller", and accolades to their names, Toto remains one of the top-selling touring and recording acts in the world. They are the benchmark by which many artists base

their sound and production, and they continue to transcend the standards set by the entire music community, being simply synonymous with musical credibility. They are pop culture, and are one of the few '70s bands that have endured the changing trends and styles continuing to remain relevant while enjoying their multi-generational global fan base. For more information, visit ToToOfficial.com.

ABOUT MYSTIC LAKE CASINO HOTEL

Owned and operated by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Mystic Lake Casino Hotel is the premier gaming facility in the Midwest. Mystic Lake® creates original and exciting entertainment experiences for its guests with gaming, distinctive bars and restaurants, indoor and outdoor concert venues, unique special events, and luxurious accommodations, all just 25 minutes southwest of Minneapolis/Saint Paul. In 2018, Mystic Lake opened Mystic Lake Center®, a new event space and hotel tower. Offering state-of-the-art technology, this 70,000-square-foot venue hosts groups of all sizes for conferences, expos, weddings and other events. With 766 new and renovated modern hotel rooms, Mystic Lake is one of the largest hotels in the Twin Cities area.

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