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CELEBRATING DAVID BOWIE ANNOUNCES 2018 TOUR FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA #CdB2018

'What might a David Bowie 2018 tour set list consist of?'

"The shows had a magic because our intent was to celebrate David with as much love and respect as we could. So many lovely artists from all around the globe contributed and I loved all seven shows as each musician and artist brought their own way of self expression." – **Mike Garson**, 2017

Mesa, AZ (September 25, 2017) – After performing rapturously received and critically lauded shows earlier this year, **Celebrating David Bowie** is back for a 2018 tour throughout Europe and North America with a brand new Bowie show spanning his entire career asking the question, '*What might a David Bowie 2018 tour set list consist of*?' The tour includes a stop at Mesa Arts Center, Wednesday, March 7, 2018. See the full list of tour dates below. VIP tickets will go on sale **Tuesday, September 26** with the general on sale starting **Friday, September 29** at 10am local time; go to <u>www.celebratingdavidbowie.com</u> for more information. Mesa Arts Center tickets will be available at MesaArtsCenter.com or by calling 480-644-6500. View the trailer here: <u>http://tiny.cc/CdB2018Announce</u>.

More than just a mere salute, **Celebrating David Bowie** keeps David's music alive with musicians who worked closely with him throughout his career and other top musicians greatly influenced by him.

Legendary Bowie touring and recording keyboardist Mike Garson, who collaborated with Bowie

for longer than any other player, will be heading up the band along with previous Bowie band leaders, guitarist/vocalist **Adrian Belew** (Sound & Vision Tour) and guitarist **Gerry Leonard** (A Reality Tour).

Between them, Mike, Adrian and Gerry have over 30 years experience of recording, writing and playing live with Bowie.

Joining Mike, Adrian and Gerry will be Bowie's Let's Dance/Serious Moonlight Tour bassist **Carmine Rojas** as well as CdB 2017 standouts **Fishbone**'s **Angelo Moore** and 2017 Grammy Nominee **Gaby Moreno** as well as special guests and other former Bowie band members who will make surprise appearances along the way.

CdB creator and producer **Angelo Bundini** (aka guitarist Scrote) is also back and excited about the concept for the new show. "After the last tour, I didn't really imagine playing more shows because it was insanely difficult to pull off. David's last tour was in 2004, so I began to wonder what he might do if he were to tour again today. That's what we're presenting in 2018."

The large rotating ensemble with world class multi-instrumentalists changing song to song will perform a show highlighting elements that influenced Bowie and that in turn Bowie influenced: pop culture experimentation, art, fashion, science and futurism.

"I have worked with over 1000 singers but never anyone like David," shares **Mike Garson**. "He had an infinite source of music flowing through him, and his creativity was boundless. His sharing of the stage with his musicians was extraordinary, and he was a team player. That is why we need many singers to encompass his work."

"With such a large catalog to choose from, different songs affected us and the audience in varying measure," adds **Adrian Belew** about the shows earlier this year. "It's always amazing to feel the excitement of an audience beamed directly at you. Pure adrenaline! So much love for David."

Fishbone's **Angelo Moore** recalls: "One of the things that stuck out while abroad was our group visit to the David Bowie Is... exhibit in Tokyo and how they cover so much of his life, music, fashion, and creative processes. I'm excited we will be doing more of his unique aesthetic in our upcoming shows."

Gaby Moreno says: "It was an incredible and emotional ride for me. Sharing the stage with some of the most brilliant musicians, playing these iconic songs from one of the best artists this world gave us, is something quite unlike anything else I've ever experienced."

Previous special guests on CdB shows have included: Sting, Gary Oldman, Seal, Perry Farrell, The B-52's' Kate Pierson, Ewan McGregor, Simon Le Bon, Gavin Rossdale, La Roux, Joe Elliott, Mr Hudson, Gail Ann Dorsey, Spandau Ballet's Steve Norman, Corey Taylor, Ian Astbury, Darren Criss, Tony Hadley, Living Colour, The London Community Gospel Choir, and The Harlem Gospel Choir, among many others.



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