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# ROCK BAND KANSAS TO 'CARRY ON' TOUR IN CELEBRATION OF ANNIVERSARY OF ICONIC ALBUM... POINT OF KNOW RETURN

## SEXTUPLE-PLATINUM ALBUM TO BE PERFORMED IN ITS ENTIRETY

Nashville, TN – April 8, 2019 – America's preeminent progressive rock band, KANSAS, will be touring select cities in the United States and Canada in during the fall and winter, on the third leg of their popular Point of Know Return Anniversary Tour. Launched as a celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the massive hit album *Point of Know Return*, the band will be performing the album in its entirety. The tour showcases more than two hours of classic KANSAS music including hit songs, deep cuts, and fan favorites. Tickets and KANSAS VIP Packages for most dates go on sale to the general public Friday, April 12, 2019. Ticket information can be found at www.kansasband.com.

Currently in the midst of its second leg of the tour, the KANSAS: Point of Know Return Anniversary Tour premiered September 28, 2018 in Atlanta, GA. The tour has already performed to large and enthusiastic audiences in cities including Atlanta, GA; Nashville, TN; Pittsburgh, PA; Chicago, IL; St. Louis, MO; Kansas City, MO; San Antonio, TX; Dallas, TX; Indianapolis, IN; Worcester, MA; Clearwater, FL; Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Baltimore, MD; Denver, CO; San Diego, CA; and Los Angeles, CA.

In 1977, KANSAS followed up the success of *Leftoverture* by releasing the album *Point of Know Return*. Containing the smash hit and million-selling single "Dust in the Wind," along with fan favorites such as "Portrait (He Knew)," "Closet Chronicles," and "Paradox," *Point of Know Return* became the band's greatest selling studio album. The album peaked at #4 on Billboard's Album charts, reached sextuple-platinum status with more than six million copies sold, and had three Billboard Hot 100 singles.

"The sentiments for this anniversary tour for *Point of Know Return* are kind of similar to the release of the album itself," comments KANSAS drummer and original member, Phil Ehart. "Just like when we first released the album, as a band, we knew we had to deliver a tour just as good, or better, than what we did for *Leftoverture*. So, that's what we've tried to do. Fan response has been overwhelmingly positive and we are excited to continue it and take this show to more people."

Throughout the tour, live shows not only culminate with the album *Point of Know Return* performed in its entirety, but KANSAS also performs classic hits, deep cuts, and fan favorites. In some cases the band even puts a new spin on a KANSAS classic. The more than two-hour KANSAS musical event has songs for every type of KANSAS fan.

KANSAS violinist David Ragsdale adds, "This tour really is so much fun. As engrained as this album is in popular culture with 'Dust in the Wind', the song 'Point of Know Return,' and the album artwork, it's not

uncommon for people to overlook the incredible depth of the album. This entire set keeps the band on our toes and is hopefully as fun for the audience as it is for us!"

KANSAS is currently comprised of original drummer Phil Ehart, bassist/vocalist Billy Greer, vocalist/keyboardist Ronnie Platt, violinist/guitarist David Ragsdale, keyboardist Tom Brislin, guitarist Zak Rizvi, and original guitarist Richard Williams. Originally formed in 1973 in Topeka, KS, the band's documentary film *KANSAS: Miracles Out of Nowhere* is currently being broadcast on AXSTV. KANSAS has released 15 studio albums, including its most recent release *The Prelude Implicit* (2016), and plans to release of another new studio album in 2020. With no signs of slowing down, KANSAS continues to 'carry on;' performing in front of large and enthusiastic audiences around the world.

### **NEW KANSAS POINT OF KNOW RETURN ANNIVERSARY TOUR DATES:**

<u>DATE</u>	CITY/STATE	<u>VENUE</u>
September 11	Spokane, WA	First Interstate Center for the Arts
September 13	Santa Rosa, CA	Luther Burbank Center
September 14	Stockton, CA	Bob Hope Theatre
September 17	Bakersfield, CA	Fox Theater
September 19	Mesa, AZ	Ikeda Theater
September 21	Salt Lake City, UT	Eccles Theater
September 22	Cheyenne, WY	Cheyenne Civic Center
September 27	Tulsa, OK	Brady Theater
September 28	Park City, KS	Hartman Arena
October 4	Topeka, KS	Topeka Performing Arts Center
October 5	Omaha, NE	Orpheum Theater
October 11	Wausau, WI	The Grand Theater
October 12	Minneapolis, MN	State Theatre
October 18	Champaign, IL	Virginia Theatre
October 19	Waukegan, IL	Genesee Theatre
October 25	Concord, NH	Capitol Center for the Arts
October 26	Albany, NY	Palace Theatre
November 1	Quebec City, QC	Grand Théâtre de Québec
November 2	Montreal, QC	Théâtre St-Denis
November 8	Rochester, NY	Kodak Center Theater
November 9	Erie, PA	Warner Theatre
November 16	Durham, NC	Durham Performing Arts Center
November 22	Richmond, KY	EKU Center for the Arts
November 23	Huntsville, AL	Mark C. Smith Concert Hall at Von Braun Center
December 6	Corpus Christi, TX	Selena Auditorium
December 7	Sugar Land, TX	Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land
January 31, 2020	Savannah, GA	Johnny Mercer Theatre
February 1, 2020	Jacksonville, FL	Florida Theatre
February 6, 2020	Fort Myers, FL	Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall
February 7, 2020	Melbourne, FL	King Center for the Performing Arts

#### PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED KANSAS POINT OF KNOW RETURN ANNIVERSARY TOUR DATES:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CITY/STATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
April 10	Oakland, CA	Paramount Theatre
April 12	Portland, OR	Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall
April 13	Seattle, WA	Paramount Theatre
May 10	Rockford, IL	Coronado Performing Arts Center
May 11	Ft. Wayne, IN	Foellinger Theater

For more information on KANSAS and the Point of Know Return Anniversary Tour, please visit:

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