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RENAISSANCE Brings 50th Anniversary Tour to Whitaker Center this fall

Progressive rock pioneers launch North American tour to perform a retrospective of classics

Harrisburg, PA- Whitaker Center, in association with BRE Presents, announces Renaissance: 50th Anniversary Tour “Ashes Are Burning: A Retrospective Celebration of Renaissance Classics” in Sunoco Performance Theater on Sunday, October 13th @7:00pm. This show is presented by Capital BlueCross.

Renaissance is a band of progressive rock pioneers who rose from the ashes of the seminal UK rock band, The Yardbirds. Their career has spanned fifty-plus years, spearheaded by the five-octave voice of Annie Haslam and the masterful songwriting skills of Michael Dunford. The band also featured John Tout on piano, Jon Camp on bass and Terry Sullivan on drums, all of whom further molded the sound of the band through the powerful technical command of their instruments. They were first acknowledged for uniquely blending progressive rock with classical influences and symphonic arrangements.

Renaissance are widely considered the band that most successfully and routinely utilized the sound of a full orchestra in their recordings. Their hit ‘Northern Lights’, which has become a classic radio favorite, still demands regular airplay today. The band eventually disbanded in the late 1980’s at which time Annie Haslam launched a solo career.

The Band have most recently toured North America, Canada, and in May 2017 had a triumphant tour of South America. In 2018 they also performed in Tokyo, Japan. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the original founding of Renaissance, the band is touring again with Annie Haslam on lead vocals, Rave Tesar keyboards, Leo Traversa bass guitar, Geoffrey Langley keyboards, Frank Pagano drums and Mark Lambert on acoustic guitars.

Tickets go on sale Friday, April 26 at 10:00am at whitakercenter.org and ticketmaster.com or by calling the Whitaker Center Box Office. Tickets range from \$45.00 to \$85.00. For tickets and more information, please visit whitakercenter.org or call the Whitaker Center Box Office at 717-214-ARTS.

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts is a non-profit center for the arts, education, entertainment and cultural enrichment located in the heart of Harrisburg’s vibrant downtown. Whitaker Center is home to Sunoco Performance Theater, Harsco Science Center and Select Medical Digital Cinema featuring a four-story premium large format theater with a recently upgraded 4K digital projection system. Visit whitakercenter.org for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation, and ticket rates.

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