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YES Keyboard Player RICK WAKEMAN to Play Whitaker Center Stage this October
“The Grumpy Old Rock Star Tour” first solo US tour in 13 years

Whitaker Center (Harrisburg, PA) – Whitaker Center, in association with BRE Presents, announces keyboard wizard Rick Wakeman “The Grumpy Old Rock Star Tour” at Whitaker Center’s Sunoco Performance Theater on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:30pm. This show is presented by Capital BlueCross.

Rick Wakeman embarks on his first solo tour of America in 13 years. Wakeman’s “The Grumpy Old Rock Star Tour” will combine spellbinding piano music with sidesplitting jokes and revealing insights into his 50-plus-year career. Expect an evening of superb musicianship, featuring music from YES, Rick’s own solo epics and early Bowie hits, plus fantastic arrangements of Beatles’ tunes, and much, much more, interspersed with knockabout (and sometimes bawdy!) typically British humor.

Professional musician, keyboard player, songwriter, broadcaster and raconteur, Wakeman’s career started as a much-in-demand session player, who performed on recordings by David Bowie, Elton John, Lou Reed, Al Stewart and hundreds more artists. His big break came in 1971 when he joined YES, who went on to become the most successful progressive rock band in the world, but Wakeman has also always gone his own way outside the framework of that group.

The 25-city tour will kick-off Saturday, September 21st in Annapolis, MD at the Maryland Hall For The Creative Arts and continue through November with a stop in Central PA at Whitaker Center on October 2nd. Tickets will be going on sale starting next week in select markets.

Tickets are \$49.50, \$69.50 and \$85.00. Tickets go on sale Friday, May 17 at 10:00am at whitakercenter.org, by calling the Whitaker Center Box Office or purchasing through Ticketmaster.com. For tickets and more information, please visit whitakercenter.org or call 717-214-ARTS (2787).

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 4K digital projection system. Visit whitakercenter.org for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation, and ticket rates.

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