

The set list has been described as "historic". Steve performed not only acoustic versions of old Porcupine Tree tracks, and cuts from the new album, but also songs by No-Man and various cover versions - including Neil Young's *The Needle and The Damage Done* and the saddest of all Abba's songs *The Day Before You Came*. Collectors may be interested to know that a split seven inch single "Tonefloating" was given away with tickets for the show. One side is by Use of Ashes and the other features Steven performing a track called "Cure for Optimism". This was a demo (ultimately unrecorded) for the new Porcupine Tree album.

As far as future dates are concerned there will be no major touring until the autumn of 2000. (Everyone's still recovering from the last one!) But there will be some one off dates over the summer in Europe including a London show (see below) and possibly some supports with other well known acts. We will of course notify you of these where possible. To keep up to date call The Freak Emporium (+44 (0) 1753 893008) or look at Porcupine Tree's official web page porcupinetree.com - where you will find links to all the official sources of PT information on the web, as well as links to the many excellent fan sites.

STOP PRESS - LONDON / GLASGOW / SHEFFIELD SHOWS !!

Just announced are gigs in London on the 31st of May, Glasgow on the 4th of June and Sheffield on the 4th of June. This mini tour will be a launch for the new album. Here's the run down :

31st May (Wednesday) London Scala - 275 Pentonville Road, London. Tickets available from the Freak Emporium at £10 plus £1.75 booking fee.

3rd June (Saturday) Glasgow, Kings Tut's - 272a St. Vincent Street, Glasgow. Tickets available from Way Ahead 0141 339 8383 or Ticket Scotland @ Virgin Records 0141 332 4400

4th June (Sunday) Sheffield, Board Walk - Snig Hill, Sheffield Tickets available from The Freak Emporium 01753 893008 - £8 plus £1.75 booking fee.



PORCUPINE TREE

TRANSMISSION TEN - SPRING 2000

It's been a busy time for Porcupine Tree over the last few months. The last part of 1999 saw two singles from the band (*Stranger By The Minute* and *Pure Narcotic*). This frenzied activity was a reaction to increasing support from Radio Stations in the UK (particularly XFM). Radio play can only be a good thing, since without this Porcupine Tree will find it increasingly difficult to tour. Greater awareness of the band is a positive development as more stores seem prepared to stock records and more venues will book the band. However, as singles are effectively promotional items and lose money the band decided to take the opportunity to cram as much unreleased material into the various formats as possible. So to all those people who picked up these releases, thanks for the support and we hope you enjoyed the extra music.

The London Scala show in November, was easily the best show Porcupine Tree has ever played in the UK. The "two set" format of the performance is something that may be repeated, as it seemed to go down well with the audience and gave the band the opportunity to play some new material as well as the odd surprise from their back catalogue.

NEW STUDIO ALBUM AND SINGLES

Work on a new studio album commenced immediately following the London show and continued throughout December and January, with mixing completed towards the end of February. Titled *Lightbulb Sun* the new album is due for release in the UK on May 22nd on K Scope (through Snapper SMACD827). The track listing is as follows :

1. Lightbulb Sun (5.30)
2. How is Your Life Today ? (2.46)
3. Four Chords That Made a Million (3.36)
4. Shesmovedon (5.14)
5. Last Chance to Evacuate Planet Earth Before It Is Recycled (4.49)
6. The Rest Will Flow (3.16)
7. Hatesong (8.28)
8. Where We Would Be (4.14)
9. Russia On Ice (13.19)
10. Feel So Low (5.11)

The instrumentation on the album is broader than ever. The band utilise their usual instruments as well as Hammered Dulcimer, Fender Rhodes, Banjo (!! Saz, and Giumbri (picked up by Colin on Holiday in Morocco) Three tracks feature stunning string arrangements by Dave Gregory of XTC.

A single will be released on April 24th of "Four Chords That Made A Million" (see details on next page). A further single will be released in June that will also feature non-album tracks due to be recorded in March of this year.