PORCUPINE TREE - Shesmovedon

The new UK single out on 10th July 2000

Available on CD, LTD CD and 7".



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TRANSMISSION ELEVEN - SUMMER 2000

Lightbulb Sun has been out for over a month now and thanks to the support of new and old fans has already sold more than Stupid Dream has in a year. Released at the end of May Porcupine Tree launched the album with another cracking performance on the 31st of May, at The Scala in London. The show was like last years performance at the same venue, split into two sets with tracks being drawn from the band's Delerium back catalogue and the two Snapper albums. "Hatesong" proved to be a particularly blistering live number whilst other new tracks from the album such as "Last chance to evacuate planet earth before it is recycled" and "Russia On Ice" also proved that they had a strong live personality. Calls for "Radioactive Toy" were unfortunately to no avail as this number has finally been dropped from the bands live set after many years service. No doubt it will resurface at some point in the future.

Porcupine Tree played two more UK gigs in June, at King Tut's in Glasgow on the 3rd and at The Board Walk in Sheffield on the 4th. They also flew out to Italy on the 17th of June to perform at a local rock festival in Terni near Rome. This provincial event was free to the public and around a thousand fans listened to the bands music lift off under a clear Mediterranean Sky.

The slot supporting Sonic Youth at Shepherds Bush Empire on the 2nd of July was an interesting experience. Porcupine Tree had been asked to play by bandleader Thurston Moore - after he obtained a copy of Yellow Hedgerow Dreamscape from record dealer Michael Piper in New York. Anyone familiar with Sonic Youth will know what a difficult gig this could have been. Porcupine Tree played five tracks - "Tinto Brass", "Slave Called Shiver", "Stop Swimming", "Last Chance To Evacuate Planet Earth Before It is Recycled", and "Up the Downstair" - and despite the extreme musical taste of much of the audience, they went down very well. Credit must go to Thurston for exposing Porcupine Tree in this way.

For forthcoming live performances please see details later in this newsletter.

NEW SINGLE

The new UK single is out on the 10th of July in the UK. There are two CD formats and one 7" format. The normal CD features an edit of "Shesmovedon", "Cure For Optimism" (originally released in a different mix, as a limited 7" given away at a Steven Wilson gig in Holland) and a long improvisation called "Untitled". The limited CD includes the "Shesmovedon" edit as well as the original 13 minute demo version of "Russia On Ice" There are only 2000 numbered copies of this available. The 7" features the "Shesmovedon" edit and an instrumental track called "Novak" on side B and is limited to 1000 copies. As was the case with the last single, the aim of this limited edition is to encourage UK shops to stock Porcupine Tree records. Already the album is stocked in many new outlets as a result of the "Four Chords..." single. Let's replace those Britney Spears CD's!