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PORCUPINE TREE

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The bad news is that this will be the last Transmission. Due to the growth in email and the Internet and the lack of new subscribers to the paper mail-out Transmission will sadly be discontinued. It is hoped that in the future a new and improved Porcupine Tree newsletter will be developed but until then you can register for email news at Porcupine Tree's website www.porcupinetree.com. Porcupine Tree would like to say thanks to all those who have subscribed to Transmission since it first started back in the early 1990's. Without the core support of loyal fans Porcupine Tree would not exist. Thank you.

The good news is that Porcupine Tree have signed an international deal with a major label based in the USA. The band's new home is Lava/Atlantic and label mates will include Kid Rock and The Corrs (!!) The band are happy to be part of the label that brought the world Led Zeppelin, amongst others, but anyone who fears that Porcupine Tree's music will in any way be diluted need not worry. The band is amongst friends at Lava who are long-term fans of both the band and the musical philosophy that Porcupine Tree represent.

In early 2002 PT will be going into the studio to start work on their new album. Roughly scheduled for release in the autumn of 2002 it promises to be a diverse work with a harder edge than Lightbulb Sun. Since the band are signing to a US label, Porcupine Tree starved American fans will be pleased to know that the first Lava releases and major tours will occur in the USA. It is likely however that there will be a few one off gigs in Europe before this. For up to date information keep an eye on the official website.

RECENT HAPPENINGS

March 2001 saw the start of Porcupine Tree's biggest ever tour. Kicking off in Amsterdam at the Paradiso the band travelled through Holland, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Sweden Poland, Greece and Italy. The German gigs were a pleasant surprise with many new fans coming to see the band for the first time, whilst the Swedish show saw about 300 people crammed into a small club to see PT and their special guests Swedish metal band Opeth. In Poland Porcupine Tree performed a stunning concert in Warsaw that was broadcast on Polish National Radio 3. Returning to the UK in May for a sell out gig at London's Shepherds Bush Empire the band then went off for a quick jaunt around France, Germany and Holland with Marillion in May. The show in Helmond saw Porcupine Tree perform "Feel So Low" for the first time outside of Israel (where they have previously performed it with Aviv Geffen as a guest vocalist). June 23rd was the start of the bands four date US mini tour commencing with a much-awaited performance at Nearfest in Bethlehem Philadelphia and ending with a killer show at The Bottom Line in New York. This gig was a virtual record company convention that ended with the band being courted by several labels including Lava/Atlantic whom the band have now signed to. Two more gigs in Holland followed in July, including a very wet Bospop in Weert and a great show at the Herzberg Festival in Germany in front of 5,000 enthusiastic Germans. The final date of 2001 was at The Canterbury Sound Festival in England on the 18th of August, which was a relaxed event with plenty of beer but alas very little sunshine.

FORTHCOMING RELEASES

The much-talked about live album from the 2001 tour has unfortunately been shelved. This was originally intended to include recordings made at The Shepherds Bush Empire performance and the Polish Radio broadcast from Warsaw, but due to the new record deal it will now not be released for the time being. It is however hoped that it will be issued at some point in the future.