

	25	BORDEAUX	Theloneous Club
<u>MAY</u>			
U.K.	4	BRIGHTON	Concorde
Israel	29	TEL AVIV	Cinerama
<u>JUNE</u>			
U.K.	27	GLASTONBURY	To be Confirmed

Still also to be confirmed is the band's first major American tour. This is currently being planned for the first two weeks of June, and is hoped to take in Philadelphia, Boston, New York, Rochester, Burlington, Chicago, Columbus, Minneapolis, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. What a long strange trip that's gonna be!! It's also hoped that there will be full local radio coverage for all shows, so you should get your tape recorders ready if you can't get to any of the gigs. Further details can be obtained from Ark 21 at their number 818-461-1700

#### AUTUMN '97 GIG RETROSPECTION

The band's first trip to Poland was most successful. Playing in philharmonic concert halls in Krakow, Bydgoszcz and Lublin to average crowds of 1200, a good time was indeed had by all. Apart from the gruelling distances involved travelling, this could well become a repeated trip. Revisits to Italy and Greece were also successful. Unfortunately the two Rome dates were cancelled at very short notice (three days before we were due to leave), because the Rome police refused to let the band perform in the club booked, as it wasn't large enough. It is hoped to redress that at a later date. In Athens the band played to 1500 people at a totally sold-out gig at the Rodon Club - those unlucky enough not to get in were dancing in the streets outside! Salonika also saw a packed well-received show.

The UK tour saw a number of new songs previewed live. Most of the shows opened with a new song, "Even Less" and other tunes from the next album were also performed at most dates. Particularly memorable shows included an absolutely heaving Penny Theatre in Canterbury, a similarly sold out Duchess in Leeds and a triumphant return to King Tut's in Glasgow. Earlier that day the band had made a personal appearance at Midnight Records, where they signed autographs and chatted to fans. Problems occurred at The Fire Station in Oxford, where a general lack of organisation by the venue management resulted in a very different Porcupine Tree show. Thanks are due to those who did come along and enjoyed themselves despite the problems. Apologies are due to anyone who had tickets for the Milton Keynes date on the UK tour. This was also cancelled at very late notice, due to unforeseen circumstances. At most of the shows on tour, the support act was Delerium recording artist Jeff Tarlton, whose very individual delivery and performance put everyone in the right frame of mind.

The UK tour finished in celebratory fashion at a packed Union Chapel in Islington, decorated and lit to resemble the cover of "Signify", where the entire crowd were rocking in the aisles. Those of you lucky enough to have been there will have also witnessed a guest appearance by sax player Theo Travis. Thanks are due to Mojo magazine who published a fine review of the show.

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