

TANGERINE DREAM ONLY UK SHOW MAY 12TH @ SHEPHERDS BUSH EMPIRE

Tangerine Dream bring their unique brew of ambient instrumental space age rock to Britain for the first time in three years when they headline London's Shepherds Bush Empire on May 12th. Tickets, priced £18.50, are on sale now via the box office on 020 7771 2000, all usual agencies or www.ticketweb.co.uk. There is no support act.

Tangerine Dream, the godfathers of ambient electronic music, are set to release 'Dream Mixes III', the third chapter in the band's remix series, on their own TDI Music label on May 22nd. On 'Dream Mixes III' Jerome and Edgar Froese have themselves once again given their own work the remix treatment, rather than bringing in other famous DJ's. Instead of merely adding new rhythms or layers, the original compositions were used as a starting point for creativity, thereby creating something new rather than a variation on the old. The result is a beat- ridden, heavily addictive club oriented release featuring not only recent tunes but also all - time classics from the earlier years.

Formed in 1968 by guitarist Edgar Froese, Tangerine Dream have amassed seven Grammy nominations in their long and illustrious career. Tangerine Dream were pivotal in refining a sound which effectively pioneered newage ambient electronic music more than a decade before ambient became a fashionable word to trip off the tongue. Although many have tried to copy what has over the years become known as "The Tangerine Dream Sound", all efforts so far have remained hopelessly futile.

Tangerine Dream, whose contemporaries included Amon Duul and Can, were heavily championed in the 70's by John Peel, who nominated their 'Atem' release as the best album of 1973. Their 1974 LP, 'Phaedra', reached number 15 in the UK album charts and Tangerine Dream have maintained a huge underground following in Britain ever since.

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For many years TD recorded lots of haunting scores for Hollywood movie productions: a very lucrative second career in the band's remarkable history. At a time when electronic instruments were generally misconceived and an independent music industry was virtually nonexistent, Tangerine Dream became recognized as the pioneers of a new form of instrumental music and invented new sounds, sound effects and production techniques.

After more than 30 years, with dozens of people joining and leaving the band, Edgar has still remained provocative and challenging in his uniquely philosophical musical universe. As a man of few words but with a wry sense of humor, he has shown that music often can reach places far beyond those that can be described by words.

Very few artists survive the capricious world of the music business long enough to be joined by their offspring on record and stage, yet in another chapter of Tangerine Dream's ongoing history, Edgar's son Jerome joined the band in 1990.

Theirs is definitively not a father-son relationship. It is the synergetic force of two creative and energetic individuals in service of that least material art form: music. Today, Edgar and Jerome work completely independently, realizing their own perspective towards life and business with their own independent TDI music label.

Since Edgar and Jerome view their music to be only one single fragment in the macrocosm of art, they have always seeked to maintain a very fruitful communication with artists who work in other art forms. Therefore, it is no wonder that great painters, photographers, actors, architects, writers and dancers have honored the band for the inspiration they've drawn from the music of TD for their own work.

Tangerine Dream's unforgettable live performances demonstrate their great hunger for the unexplainable and unexpected in music. This adventurous journey upon which they're continuously taking themselves and their audiences is the fuel which keeps them running.

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