



CHANGE OF DATES FOR 2009 JUDAS PRIEST UK TOUR

London, 3rd December 2009 – Due to unforeseen circumstances Judas Priest have revised their 2009 tour of the UK as follows. The show at the Nottingham Arena has been cancelled, with existing ticket holders being offered a pair of tickets to either Sheffield Arena 13th February or Birmingham LG Arena, 14th February shows. Furthermore, their Manchester show on 17th February has changed to the Apollo Theatre – Standing tickets are valid for the same date for this new show, seated tickets will need to be exchanged at point of purchase. Metal veterans Megadeth and Testament will support the forthcoming dates.

JUDAS PRIEST

Since 1974, Judas Priest has been one of heavy metal's most successful bands, issuing such all-time classic albums as 1980's 'British Steel,' 1982's 'Screaming for Vengeance,' and 1990's 'Painkiller,' and such arena-rocking anthems as "Breaking the Law," "Living After Midnight," and "You've Got Another Thing Comin'." However, Priest's influence goes far beyond their music - they were the first metal band to embrace the 'leather biker look,' a fashion that has since become synonymous with the musical genre. Additionally, Halford's powerful four-and-a-half octave vocal range and the twin guitar harmonies of Tipton and Downing have been 'studied' by countless metal bands in Priest's wake.

Think 'Double vinyl, gatefold sleeve concept album,' and some of rock's all-time classic recordings come to mind. But in the realm of heavy metal, there has never been a double vinyl (now disc!) concept album that has managed to balance a thought-provoking storyline with metallic thunder. That was, until now. Metal legends JUDAS PRIEST released their sprawling double disc concept album, 'Nostradamus' via Columbia Records on Monday, June 16th in the UK/Europe, and a day later in the US on Epic Records.

MEGADETH

As one of the most commercially successful heavy metal bands of all time, Megadeth have sold more than 20 million albums worldwide, including six consecutive platinum albums, with seven consecutive Grammy nominations for Best Metal Performance. Formed by guitarist Dave Mustaine after he was forced out of Metallica, Megadeth long represented the dark and nasty side of American thrash. Between the manic precision of Mustaine's riffage, which unlike most thrash bands locked perfectly with the machine-gun pulse of the kick drum, and the inspired cynicism of his songwriting, Megadeth perfectly captured the mood of metal fans.

Since forming in 1983 following Mustaine's departure from Metallica, Megadeth has remained a vital element in continuing to define and redefine the sound and the fury of metal music and with each new album, forges new ground and stretches the very boundaries where metal lives.

TESTAMENT

Testament was one of the first thrash metal bands to emerge from the San Francisco Bay Area in the 1980's. Undoubtedly, they are the inventors of the thrash-metal wheel. Testament's powerful sound, influence, and longevity make them one of the Top 5 All-Time Legendary Thrash Metal Bands. Earlier this year, they reformed the original line up to record their 9th studio album - their first in nearly a decade 'Formation of Damnation' which won them 'Best Album' at the Metal Hammer 'Golden Gods' Awards this summer.

Having the opportunity to see 3 such important and influential bands within the world of Metal on the same bill is cause for excitement. Make sure you don't miss the chance to witness Metal history in the making and ensure you are part of this ground breaking tour.

JUDAS PRIEST

With Very Special Guests Megadeth
and Testament

February

Friday	13	Sheffield Arena
Saturday	14	Birmingham LG Arena
Monday	16	Glasgow SECC Hall 4
Tuesday	17	Manchester Apollo
Friday	20	Cardiff International Arena
Saturday	21	Wembley Arena

Tickets are priced at £37.50 (subject to booking fee) and are available
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