

TSO to debut 'The Lost Christmas Eve' at CenturyLink in December

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Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO) is teaming up with the Hallmark Channel to present the live debut of the band's multi-platinum rock opera, "The Lost Christmas Eve" for local residents with a Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. performance at the CenturyLink Center.

A modern classic that can stand side by side with a Charles Dickens tale, "The Lost Christmas Eve" is the newest chapter in the TSO holiday tradition.

Tickets go on sale Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012 at 10 a.m. with a portion of the proceeds from every ticket benefitting local charity. As a special offer Ticketmaster will be offering a download of TSO's newest release "Dreams of Fireflies (On a Christmas Night)" with every ticket sold online, which will be redeemable beginning Oct. 30, the release date.

"The Lost Christmas Eve" has been called "a story of loss and redemption" and features a diverse soundtrack fusing elements of rock, classical, folk, Broadway, and R&B, which takes you on a journey into the "Capra-esque" world of TSO creator/producer, Paul O'Neill. Encompassing a rundown hotel, an old toy store, a blues bar, a Gothic cathedral, and their respective inhabitants all intertwined during a single enchanted Christmas Eve in New York City, this year's show is sure to start any TSO fan's holiday season off right. "The Lost Christmas Eve" will be performed in its entirety and will feature the hit single, "Wizards in Winter", as well as longtime crowd favorites, "Christmas Nights in Blue" and "Siberian Sleigh Ride." It will be followed by brand new songs from TSO's Fall EP release from Lava/Republic, "Dreams of Fireflies (On a Christmas Night)", classics from TSO's debut album, "Christmas Eve & Other Stories" and the rest of the heralded catalogue of rock operas.

TSO founder Paul O'Neill discusses the band's ambitious undertaking: "This is an exciting year for the band and something we've been planning for years. 'The Lost Christmas Eve' has always been a personal favorite of mine. To debut this rock opera live marks a new and exciting chapter in TSO's Rock Theater evolution."

Since their debut in 1996, TSO has defied the rules of an ever-changing music industry. Year after year, TSO has ranked in the Top 10 for both gross revenues and attendance (according to Pollstar magazine) by playing live to over one million fans annually. Since their inception, TSO has sold in excess of 8.5 million albums and performed to more than 9 million fans in 150+ cities worldwide. The band's rock operas have cemented them as a leader in Rock Theater,

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being regarded as a mix of The Who's "Tommy", Andrew Lloyd Weber's musicals, and Pink Floyd's expansive light show.

Reserved seats are priced at \$30, \$38.75, \$48.75, and \$58.75. They can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com or www.stonecityattractions.com and at the CenturyLink Center ticket office, all Ticketmaster outlets, or charge by phone at 800-745-3000.