

Trans-Siberian Orchestra announces 2022 winter tour: 'The Ghosts of Christmas Eve – The Best of TSO & More'

60-city tour begins Nov. 16, returns to Buffalo Dec. 22

Public tickets on sale Friday, Sept. 16

Multi-Platinum, progressive rock group Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO) announced the dates for its anticipated 2022 winter tour, "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve – the Best of TSO & More." After its first year off the road in more than two decades, TSO made a triumphant return to touring in 2021 with a 25th anniversary celebration of "Christmas Eve and Other Stories."

For 2022, TSO brings a completely updated presentation of the multigenerational holiday tradition, "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve," to 60 cities across the nation. This year's tour kicks off on Wednesday, Nov. 16, with performances in Green Bay and Council Bluffs, and will conclude after 101 shows on Friday, Dec. 30 (see full itinerary at www.trans-siberian.com).

The show returns to Buffalo for two shows on Thursday, Dec. 22.

Presales for TSO fan club members will be held at 10 a.m. local time Thursday and Friday, Sept. 8-9. The public on sale is set to begin at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16. Beginning with the public on-sale, special \$29 tickets will be available for one week (or while supplies last). Applicable taxes and fees apply.



TSO 2021 show photo by Bob Carey, courtesy of Scoop Marketing

A press release said, "Keeping with the O'Neill's vision (Paul O'Neill, and his wife Desi), TSO remains one of rock's most charitable bands. Once again, thankfully, TSO will give at least \$1 from every ticket sold to charity. To date, approximately \$18 million has been donated by the group."

Desi O'Neill said, "We want to thank the fans so much for the kindness they showed in coming out last year. It meant the world to our family. Moreover, the credit for any charitable donation is due to you, not us. The only way we are able to help all is because of you."

A product of the imagination of TSO's late founder Paul O'Neill and his wife, Desi, and based on TSO's multi-platinum CD and TV special, "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve," the rock opera features such enduring fan-favorites as "Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24," "O' Come All Ye Faithful," "Good King Joy," "Christmas Canon," "Music Box Blues," "Promises To Keep" and "This Christmas Day." 2022's tour will also boast a rousing second set containing more of TSO's greatest hits and fan-pleasers including "Wizards In Winter" and "A Mad Russian's Christmas."

"It was so special to be back playing live last year. When you love something as much as we do and it's taken away, it made us super thankful to be back. I look forward to seeing all our 'repeat offenders,' and all our new friends when we hit the road," said TSO's music director and lead guitarist Al Pitrelli. "I love all of Paul's stories, but 'The Ghosts of Christmas Eve' is one of my favorites, and can't wait to unveil this incredibly amazing new show for everyone. We know some people may be having tough times, so we worked hard with the local promoters and arenas to have a low-priced \$29 ticket to do our part in helping out. God bless all of you, and see you in November and December when we celebrate in-person once again."

For more details on tour dates and ticket sales, visit www.trans-siberian.com.

Since its touring debut, TSO

has played more than 2,000 "Winter Tour" shows to approximately 18 million fans, with tour grosses of more than \$725 million, and has sold more than 12 million albums and DVDs. Year-after-year, TSO hits the upper reaches of the domestic and worldwide tour charts. Recently, Pollstar published its compiled touring charts for the past 40 years. TSO ranked No. 11 in tickets sold and No. 21 in top box office grosses. In June, Billboard placed TSO at No. 9 on its midyear boxscore report, based on concerts from Nov. 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022. Previously, TSO placed No. 31 on Billboard's "Top Touring Artists of the Decade (2010s)." Additionally, at the close of the aughts, the group was ranked at No. 20 on Pollstar's "Top Tour(s) of the Decade" and No. 25 on Billboard's "Top Touring Artists of the Decade."

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