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JOE SATRIANI ANNOUNCES G3 TOUR FOR 2018 TOUR INCLUDES FEBRUARY 2 DATE AT BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL AT FSW

Joe Satriani, welcomes Dream Theater's John Petrucci and Def Leppard's Phil Collen to his action-packed celebration of guitar wizardry.

TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 10AM

(Fort Myers, FL) - Guitar superstar JOE SATRIANI is pleased to announce that the 2018 incarnation of his massively popular G3 tour will kick off on January 11, 2018 in Seattle, Washington. Satriani will be joined on the highly anticipated tour by fellow six-string legends JOHN PETRUCCI and PHIL COLLEN.

Tickets for the Friday, February 2 concert will go on sale Friday, October 6 at 10AM at the Box Office, online at www.bbmannpah.com or call 239-481-4849.

"G3 tours are always very exciting, challenging and a lot of fun for me," says Satriani. "I love any chance I get to stand on stage and play for my fans, but I especially love the crazy jolt I get when I can perform alongside other guitarists I admire. It ups my game, it ups their game, and I know our audiences always get a real kick out of the whole experience."

John Petrucci has a long history with G3 – the Dream Theater founder and guitar virtuoso made his maiden voyage on the tour in 2001, and the 2018 trek will mark his seventh appearance on the bill. "I always look forward to having John on any G3 tour I do," says Satriani. "He continues to be one of the most incredible and inspiring guitarists I've ever played with, and he never fails to do things on stage that I find utterly jaw dropping. I can only imagine what new surprises he's got planned for this tour."

Petrucci echoes Satriani's effusive praise, calling the guitarist "one of the best and most creative players I've ever heard, and I just love him as a person, too." He looks back at his past six G3 tours with considerable pride, saying, "They've been some of the most enjoyable experiences of

my life. I've been able to go all over the world with Joe and other great guitarists, and I've been able to expose my fans to another side of me with my solo work. And I think I've picked up some new fans along the way – they see me on G3 and then they go out and check out Dream Theater. So it's exciting in that way, too."

2018 will see Phil Collen making his debut as a G3er. The venerable guitarist joined Def Leppard in 1982 and has been a key part of their worldwide multi-platinum success story, but he's rarely stepped out as a solo axeman in his own right. "That's what's going to be so interesting and cool," Satriani notes. "We think of Phil as being this integrated part of Def Leppard, but I recently got a chance to play with him at my latest G4 Experience in California, and I thought he was extraordinary. In my opinion, he's probably underrated, so I'm looking forward to seeing what he does in his full set on the next G3."

Says Collen, "Being asked to take part in the G3 tour is a real honor. I've been fortunate to have played guitar all over the world for many years, but I've never been able to stretch out as a player in the way that this tour will allow me to. And I'm thrilled beyond words to be on a bill with Joe Satriani and John Petrucci. They're two of the greatest guitarists we have. I'm really looking forward to sharing a stage with them."

Since its debut in 1996, Satriani's G3 tour has featured the world's greatest guitarists (everyone from Steve Vai and Eric Johnson to Steve Lukather and Robert Fripp) and has become a consistent concert hall sell-out attraction in the U.S., South America, Europe, Australia and Japan. "I could say that I'm surprised at the durability of G3 and how much it's grown, but in a way I'm not," Satriani says with a laugh. "I think part of its charm and its mojo is in the chemistry of having three top guitarists share what they do on stage. It's fun, it's unpredictable, it's wild – it's everything you could want in a show."

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Performance Date: Friday, February 2 – 7:30PM*

Ticket Prices: \$101.50* \$91.50* \$71.50* \$61.50*

*All shows, dates, times and ticket prices are subject to change.