



ASIA ready to announce Anniversary US tour celebrating its ultra-successful debut album and its new ASIA IN ASIA box set

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Multi-platinum supergroup **ASIA** is ready to announce an extensive US tour set for next March, 2023 to promote the 40th Anniversary of its multi-platinum debut album and the new ASIA IN ASIA box set. The tour, which had originally been set for August 2022 as a co-bill with The Alan Parsons Live Project, has been rescheduled for early 2023 to accommodate a medical procedure needed by Mr. Parsons. Dates will be announced shortly.

Featuring founding members **Carl Palmer** (drums, percussion); **Geoff Downes** (keyboards, bkg vocals); along with **Billy Sherwood** (bass, bkg vocals); and newest member, guitarist and lead vocalist **Marc Bonilla**, this will be the ASIA's first tour since 2019.

"We were hoping to be out this August, however moving the tour to early next year so we can remain on a co-bill with The Alan Parsons Project will be well worth it," said founding member Carl Palmer. "I am so thrilled that ASIA has finally been able to return to performing after three years off the road due to the pandemic; we have much to celebrate."

"ASIA has been through a lot during these last four decades," adds Geoff Downes, "but the music has always endured. The fans have never left us, nor we them. This tour will be historic."

In addition to its 40th Anniversary, the band will be promoting the release of **ASIA In Asia – Live At The Budokan, Tokyo, 1983**, a deluxe box set containing: 2LP, 2xCD, 40 page 12” book, Blu-ray video, memorabilia and more, through BMG Records. Also available are a 2LP Gatefold, 1CD and Digital Format.

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ASIA, **Geoff Downes** (Buggles & YES), **Steve Howe** (YES) and **Carl Palmer** (Emerson, Lake & Palmer) with special guest vocalist and bassist **Greg Lake** (ELP), visited Japan to promote their phenomenally successful debut album (1982) and *Alpha* (1983). Their performance at the Budokan arena on December 6th, 1983, made history as first live simulcast on MTV. Greg Lake stepped in, on short notice, following the sudden departure of John Wetton due to illness.

ASIA was a rock ‘supergroup’ bringing together **Wetton, Palmer, Downes** and **Howe** who had already amassed tens of millions in sales with their collective bands of the 70s. Leaving behind their progressive roots, ASIA embraced the commercial FM rock sound that dominated US airwaves and took the new MTV video channel, by storm. The single *Heat Of The Moment* was a world-wide monster smash while its debut album spent 9 weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard charts and was the biggest selling LP of 1982.