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## **ROCK BAND KANSAS TO CARRY ON *LEFTOVERTURE* 40TH ANNIVERSARY TOUR SEXTUPLE-PLATINUM ALBUM TO BE PERFORMED IN ITS ENTIRETY AT THE FLORIDA THEATRE ON DECEMBER 2**

Jacksonville, Fla. – KANSAS, the classic rock band, will bring their highly successful *Leftoverture* 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour, to the Florida Theatre on Dec. 2, 2017 at 8pm. General public tickets go on sale Friday, March 31 at 10am (today). Tickets range in price from \$45-\$95 and can be purchased at [floridatheatre.com](http://floridatheatre.com) or by calling the Box Office at 904.355.ARTS(2787).

This tour will showcase more than two hours of classic KANSAS music including hit songs, deep cuts, and new songs from their new album, *The Prelude Implicit*. It is also marks the first time the band will perform their hit album *Leftoverture* in its entirety.

“We are having so much fun doing these *Leftoverture* 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shows, we just want to keep doing them,” comments KANSAS guitarist and original member Richard Williams. “We had no idea when we started doing these, last fall that they would be so popular. When we first started discussing this concept, we were just hoping to be able to do ten of these type shows. We would not have predicted we would end up doing nearly 70 of them. I can’t think of a better way to wrap up 2017, before taking a break from the road at the beginning of 2018, to record a new studio album.”

In 1976, KANSAS released the album *Leftoverture*. Containing the smash hit and million-selling single “Carry On Wayward Son,” along with fan favorites such as “The Wall,” “Miracles Out Of Nowhere,” and “What’s On My Mind,” *Leftoverture* became the band’s breakthrough album. The album peaked at #5 on Billboard’s Album Charts and reached sextuple-platinum status with more than six million copies sold.

The Florida Theatre’s 2017 season is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming season events, including the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on April 8, please visit [floridatheatre.com](http://floridatheatre.com).

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