



Multi-Platinum Selling, GRAMMY-Nominated Singer/Songwriter Geoff Tate Brings the 30th Anniversary of Empire Tour to the Florida Theatre on Sunday, December 6, 2020

Jacksonville, Fla. (July 7, 2020) – The Florida Theatre is pleased to announce that multi-platinum selling, GRAMMY-nominated singer/songwriter Geoff Tate will bring the 30th Anniversary of Empire tour to the Florida Theatre on Sunday, December 6, 2020.

Geoff Tate is best known for his 30-plus years as the creative and driving force behind the progressive metal band **Queensryche**. Since its inception with Tate at the helm, Queensryche sold over 25 million albums worldwide and performed in over fifty different countries. Geoff Tate is regarded as one of the most skilled vocalists in the genre with hundreds of modern, popular artists citing him and his former band as a major influence.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the classic Queensryche album *Empire*, Geoff Tate and his band Operation: Mindcrime will perform both *Empire* and Queensryche's sophomore album *Rage for Order* in their entirety. Released in August of 1990, *Empire* spawned six singles ("Empire," "Silent Lucidity," "Best I Can," "Jet City Woman," "Another Rainy Night (without you)" and "Anybody Listening?") and is Queensryche's best-selling album to date with sales of over three million units, achieving triple-platinum status. Geoff and Queensryche performed the GRAMMY-nominated hit single "Silent Lucidity" live at the GRAMMY awards accompanied by a supporting orchestra.

Queensryche's second studio album, *Rage for Order*, featured the singles, "Gonna Get Close to You," "The Whisper" and "Walk in the Shadows." Just a few years after its release in the summer of '86, *Kerrang!* magazine called *Rage for Order* one of the "100 Greatest Heavy Metal Albums of All-Time."

Geoff Tate's current band, Operation: Mindcrime, is comprised of Kieran Robertson on guitar, Jack Ross on bass, Scott Moughton on guitar and Felix Bohnke on drums.

The historic, nonprofit Florida Theatre is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming events or to buy tickets visit the Theatre's official website, floridatheatre.com.

EVENT: Geoff Tate – 30th Anniversary of Empire Tour
DATE: Sunday, December 6, 2020
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
TICKET PRICE: \$29.50 - \$39.50
MEMBER PRESALE: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 10 a.m.
E-CLUB PRESALE: Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 9 a.m.
PUBLIC ON SALE: Friday, July 10, 2020 at 10 a.m.
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