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Legendary Rock Band KANSAS to Play With The Appalachian Symphony Orchestra on October 20

BOONE, NC— Appalachian State University's 2011-12 Performing Arts Series sponsored by Charter presents another unrivaled season of incredible performances that continues with legendary rock band KANSAS performing with The Appalachian Symphony Orchestra. The band is set to play their classic hits such as "Carry on Wayward Son" and "Dust in the Wind" with a symphonic music twist with the help of the student musicians in The Appalachian Symphony Orchestra. The concert will be held on Thursday, October 20 at 8 p.m. at Farthing Auditorium. This concert is part of KANSAS' Collegiate Symphony Tour presented by D'addario & Company. Advance tickets are \$28 for adults, \$16 for Students 6-18, \$15 for Appalachian State Students and \$10 for Children 5 & Under. A "Pick 5" discount is available for purchasing tickets in multiples of 5. For tickets or information, call the Farthing Auditorium Box Office at **800-841-ARTS(2787)** or **828-262-4046**, or visit **www.pas.appstate.edu**.

About KANSAS and the 2011 Collegiate Symphony Tour

Releasing their first album in 1974, KANSAS began as a "garage band" in Topeka, Kansas. The band has produced eight gold albums, three sextuple-Platinum albums, one platinum live album and a million-selling gold single, "Dust in the Wind." KANSAS appeared on the Billboard charts for over 200 weeks throughout the 70's and 80's and played to sold-out arenas and stadiums all over the world. Another one of their hits, "Carry On Wayward Son" was the #2 most played track on classic rock radio in 1995 and went to #1 in 1997. In 1998, KANSAS released an orchestral CD, "Always Never the Same" recorded with the London Symphony Orchestra at Abbey Road Studios in London. They followed with an orchestral tour accompanied by top-caliber symphony orchestras.

In 2010, the band took to the stage once more for the 2010 KANSAS Collegiate Symphony Tour to raise money and awareness for college music programs with their lead tour sponsor, D'addario & Company. With the success of the inaugural symphony tour behind them, the band decided to continue on with the

2011 KANSAS Collegiate Symphony Tour with D'addario once again their lead sponsor. As a part of this sponsorship and performance at Appalachian State University, D'addario is providing Appalachian's Hayes School of Music with a product in-kind donation to fit the university's needs as well as a scholarship donation for a music industry student.

About The Appalachian Symphony Orchestra

The Appalachian Symphony Orchestra is an 80+ member auditioned ensemble comprised of the finest undergraduate and graduate students from the Hayes School of Music as well as talented student musicians from across the campus and community. The symphony presents five to six concerts a year and performs literature from the standard orchestral repertoire spanning the baroque to the contemporary. The Appalachian Symphony Orchestra is under the direction of Maestro Eduardo Vargas for the 2011-12 season who has this to say about the opportunity these students will be receiving:

“The students are very excited about the opportunity to perform in a live concert with a celebrated rock band like Kansas. For most of them, it will be a new experience and we can only expect that exploring new frontiers will give them a new wealth of technical and musical skills that should strengthen our orchestra for future achievements. On my part, I'm particularly excited about the fact that this concert will serve to connect our Appalachian Symphony Orchestra to a larger audience in Boone in the hopes that we can see them again while attending our concerts throughout the year.”

Upcoming Events and Ticket Information

Appalachian's Performing Arts Series continues on January 28, 2012 with the Soweto Gospel Choir followed by the Punch Brothers with Chris Thile (February 17, 2012) and Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet: *Moulin Rouge- The Ballet* (March 22, 2012). For tickets or information, call the Farthing Auditorium Box Office at **800-841-ARTS(2787)** or **828-262-4046**, or visit **www.pas.appstate.edu**.

Why the Performing Arts Series?

The 2011-12 Performing Arts Series is a presentation of Appalachian State University's Office of Arts and Cultural Programs. The mission of the series is to support the teaching mission of Appalachian State University by presenting a diverse array of music, dance, and theatre events designed to enrich the cultural landscape of the campus and surrounding region. By creating memorable performance experiences and related educational and outreach activities, the series promotes the power and excitement of the live performance experience; provides a “window on the world” through the artistry of nationally and internationally renowned artists; and showcases some of the finest artists of Appalachian State University's campus community and the surrounding region.

The performances presented by the Performing Arts Series give both students and community members the chance to experience a diverse line up of live performances that are not typically offered in this region. They are offered the chance to experience music from different countries, watch history come to life through a play, be invited into the traditions of another culture and discover the beauty and imagination of dance. All of this is provided to the students and greater community of Appalachian State University throughout the academic year.

Sponsors

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