

# STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

## LED ZEPPELIN MASTERS

### ‘Stairway To Heaven: *Led Zeppelin Masters*’ Return in 2019 for a UK & European Tour to Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Led Zeppelin Debut Album

Marking fifty years since the release of Led Zeppelin’s self-titled debut album – and its follow-up, *Led Zeppelin II* - Australia’s celebrated live concert event *Stairway To Heaven: Led Zeppelin Masters* will return to the UK for ten-dates in April 2019 as part of their European tour.

Fronted by powerhouse vocalist Vince Contarino and bolstered by the breathtaking might of the thirty-five-piece The Black Dog Orchestra, *Stairway To Heaven: Led Zeppelin Masters* features no fewer than eighteen Led Zeppelin classics.

From the raw, metallic blues of **Whole Lotta Love** to the epic **Stairway to Heaven** and the sheer exhilaration of **Kashmir**, *Stairway To Heaven: Led Zeppelin Masters* celebrates the timeless musical legacy of **Jimmy Page, Robert Plant, John Bonham** and **John Paul Jones** with a no-holds-barred concert performing the masterpieces of **Led Zeppelin**.

Having performed numerous sold-out shows at the Sydney Opera House and nationwide tours across Australia, *Stairway To Heaven: Led Zeppelin Masters*’ debut UK tour in 2017 was so successful their 2019 return will be preceded by eight dates in mainland Europe for the first time.

Vince Contarino said, “To be able to come back to the UK means the world to us. We were welcomed graciously and treated with the utmost respect when we toured the UK for the first time in 2017, despite being an unknown and unproven act in the UK. To be asked back for an even bigger tour is hugely gratifying. We are feeling the love, and we’re going to be coming back over to give it back by the truckload.”

*Stairway To Heaven: Led Zeppelin Masters*’ debut UK tour received glowing praise from both Led Zeppelin fans and the music critics alike – including Dave Lewis the editor of the world-famous Led Zeppelin fanzine *Tight But Loose*, who said the band’s performance of The Rain Song was “quite simply one of the best performances of a Zep song performed by a band that were not Led Zeppelin I’ve ever witnessed.”



Vince said, “We were taken aback by the reception we received. We loved that the UK audiences are so demonstrative - the energy is amazing. We are also still in disbelief when we look back at the reviews the press gave us throughout the first tour. They were so positive and encouraging. In fact, as the reviews were coming in we just kept trying harder and harder each night, so as to keep the standard up.”

With the tour falling in between the anniversaries of Led Zeppelin’s self-titled debut album and its follow-up, *Led Zeppelin II*, released in March and October of 1969, respectively, Vince admits the timing of the tour is a happy coincidence, “It was only when we saw the tour dates that we realised the timing was perfect. Look at it this way, spending time with friends is a blessing and a great thing to do, but if there is a good reason to celebrate, like a birthday or an anniversary, then crack out the champagne and let’s party!”

The ten-date UK tour will begin at Liverpool’s Philharmonic on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019, and end at London’s Eventim Apollo on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Tickets go on sale from 9.00am on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, available from [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk).

Don’t miss this explosive celebration of the music of Led Zeppelin as one of the most ambitious concerts ever to meet the stage returns to the UK. Way, way down inside, you need it!

The full list of European tour dates for *Stairway To Heaven: Led Zeppelin Masters* is as follows:

### **March**

Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bergen	Grieghallen	( <a href="http://www.grieghallen.no/display.aspx?menuid=&amp;prodid=1173">http://www.grieghallen.no/display.aspx?menuid=&amp;prodid=1173</a> )
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup>	Oslo	Konserthus	( <a href="https://www.oslokonserthus.no/program/led-zeppelin-masters/">https://www.oslokonserthus.no/program/led-zeppelin-masters/</a> )
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Utrecht	Tivoli	( <a href="https://www.tivolivredenburg.nl/agenda/stairway-to-heaven-led-zeppelin-masters-27-03-2019/">https://www.tivolivredenburg.nl/agenda/stairway-to-heaven-led-zeppelin-masters-27-03-2019/</a> )
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	Groningen	De Osterpoort	( <a href="https://www.de-oosterpoort.nl/programma/led-zeppelin-masters/">https://www.de-oosterpoort.nl/programma/led-zeppelin-masters/</a> )
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	Brussels	Cirque Royal	( <a href="https://www.ticketmaster.be/artist/stairway-to-heaven-tickets/492573?language=en-us">https://www.ticketmaster.be/artist/stairway-to-heaven-tickets/492573?language=en-us</a> )
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	Eindhoven	Musiekgebouw	( <a href="https://www.musiekgebouweindhoven.nl/Led_Zeppelin_Masters">https://www.musiekgebouweindhoven.nl/Led_Zeppelin_Masters</a> )

### **April 2019**

Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liverpool	Philharmonic	0151 709 3789	<a href="http://liverpoolphil.com">liverpoolphil.com</a>
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cardiff	St Davids	029 2087 8444	<a href="http://stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk">stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk</a>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Newcastle	City Hall	0844 811 21 21	<a href="http://theatreroyal.co.uk">theatreroyal.co.uk</a>
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Edinburgh	Usher Hall	0131 228 1155	<a href="http://usherhall.co.uk">usherhall.co.uk</a>
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Manchester	Bridgewater	0161 907 9000	<a href="http://bridgewater-hall.co.uk">bridgewater-hall.co.uk</a>
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nottingham	Royal Concert Hall	0115 989 5555	<a href="http://trch.co.uk">trch.co.uk</a>
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Portsmouth	Guildhall	023 9387 0200	<a href="http://portsmouthguildhall.org.uk">portsmouthguildhall.org.uk</a>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Southend	Cliffs Pavilion	01702 351 135	<a href="http://southendtheatres.org.uk">southendtheatres.org.uk</a>
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Birmingham	Symphony Hall	0121 780 3333	<a href="http://thsh.co.uk">thsh.co.uk</a>
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	London	Eventim Apollo	020 8563 3800	<a href="http://eventimapollo.com">eventimapollo.com</a>

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Notes to editor...

- Vince Contarino has been working as a singer, songwriter and musician for the last forty years. In addition to his work with the Led Zeppelin Masters show, he has performed with Joe Walsh from The Eagles, former AC/DC bassist Mark Evans, Wa Wa Nee vocalist/songwriter Paul Gray and guitarist Steve Williams, and Mondo Rock bassist Paul Christie in the band Party Boys. He also is the frontman for former Kiss guitarist Bruce Kulick's band when he performs in Australia.
- Contarino has worked closely as a vocal director for Joe Camileri (Black Sorrows) and supported acts such as Alice Cooper, Status Quo and Stevie Marriott and many more.
- Contarino has performed four sell-out seasons with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Victoria performing orchestral versions of Led Zeppelin songs. He has also given Deep Purple's catalogue the symphonic treatment, performing with Deep Purple founding member and keyboard player, the late, great Jon Lord.
- In 1997 Contarino turned his talent and enthusiasm towards the theatre, working in association with the cross cultural Theatre Company Doppio Teatro (Bread and Onions, Pulcinella and Ciao Mamma Ciao). Vince has also added the roles of Judas (Jesus Christ Superstar) and the Pharaoh (Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat) to his repertoire when he worked at Her Majesty's Theatre. He has also worked as mentor for the Helpmann Academy.