**###**

**THE ARISTOCRATS announce UK/EUROPE DATES FOR THEIR “DEFROST” TOUR IN JUNE 2023**

**"If there is a more accomplished, empathetic and versatile all-instrumental trio in rock than The Aristocrats, I’ve yet to hear them.” *- San Diego Union Tribune (USA)***

**"It's the energy and excitement behind the outrageous chops that makes The Aristocrats so gleefully enjoyable." *- Prog Magazine (UK)***



[For a high-resolution version of the above official promo image please click here:

[**https://rjprmusic.com/the-aristocrats-press-materials**](https://rjprmusic.com/the-aristocrats-press-materials)]

**The Aristocrats,**(guitarist Guthrie Govan, bassist Bryan Beller and drummer Marco Minnemann) will make their long-awaited return to the stages of Europe next summer. Audiences starved for some trademark Aristocratic musical mayhem will be treated to a debut of select new material not yet released on any album, as well as a carefully curated collection of fan favorites and deep cuts.

The ultra-power-trio issued a joint statement to mark the occasion: “It’s been far too long since our last shows in the U.K. and Europe, some of which were documented in our live album ***FREEZE! Live In Europe 2020*** just before the big chill on live shows. So now it’s time for the **DEFROST** tour to bring us back, and we can’t wait to finally play shows again for our fans who have been waiting patiently for Aristocrats concerts to return!”

This first batch of June 2023 dates will be their only shows in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Switzerland, Portugal, Israel and Bulgaria on this tour, but more European dates in additional countries will be announced in the coming months. They build on the success of the North American **DEFROST** tour leg, a ten-week, 50-show run that completes on September 9.

Over the past ten years **The Aristocrats** have released critically acclaimed albums, toured the world, and established themselves as one of the most musically original, refreshingly irreverent, and astoundingly entertaining instrumental rock-fusion acts on the planet. Anyone who’s witnessed their live musical high-wire act - employing random amounts of rock, jazz, pop, metal, and even traditional country – can attest that it is informed by the spirit of a true band, one whose improvisational soul allows for anything to happen onstage at any moment…including the occasional wink and nod at the audience.

**The Aristocrats *DEFROST* UK/EUROPE Tour**

***(info on ticket links below)***

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **DATE** | **VENUE** | **CITY, COUNTRY** |
|  |  |  |
| June 12, 2023 | The Garage | Glasgow, U.K |
| June 13, 2023 | University | Newcastle, U.K |
| June 14, 2023 | HMV Empire | Coventry, U.K |
| June 15, 2023 | The Fleece | Bristol, U.K |
| June 16, 2023 | Shepherd’s Bush Empire | London, U.K |
| June 17, 2023 | Academy 2 | Manchester, U.K |
| June 19, 2023 | Opium | Dublin, Ireland |
| June 21, 2023 | Kaufleuten | Zurich, Switzerland |
| June 23, 2023 | Lav | Lisbon, Portugal |
| June 24, 2023 | Hard Club | Porto, Portugal |
| June 26, 2023 | Reading 3 | Tel Aviv, Israel |
| June 28, 2023 | Joy Station Club | Sofia, Bulgaria |

Full details for all shows, including ticket links as they become available, can be found on the Aristocrats website at: [**http://the-aristocrats-band.com/shows/**](http://the-aristocrats-band.com/shows/)

**For press inquiries and additional information such as photographs, please contact Ryan Jenkins of RJPR at** [**ryan@rjprmusic.com**](mailto:ryan@rjprmusic.com)

All studio and live releases by **The Aristocrats** can be purchased at:

USA: [**https://www.hellomerch.com/collections/the-aristocrats**](https://www.hellomerch.com/collections/the-aristocrats)

UK: [**https://eu.hellomerch.com/collections/the-aristocrats**](https://eu.hellomerch.com/collections/the-aristocrats)

EU: [**https://the-aristocrats-band-eu.com/**](https://the-aristocrats-band-eu.com/)

**For more information on The Aristocrats, please visit:**

* **Website:** [**http://the-aristocrats-band.com/**](http://the-aristocrats-band.com/)
* **Facebook:** [**https://www.facebook.com/aristocratsband**](https://www.facebook.com/aristocratsband)
* **Twitter:** [**https://twitter.com/acratsband**](https://twitter.com/acratsband)
* **Instagram:** [**https://instagram.com/thearistocratsband/**](https://instagram.com/thearistocratsband/)

**# # #**