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ASIA'S ORIGINAL SUPERGROUP LINE-UP RETURNS WITH FIRST NEW STUDIO ALBUM IN 25 YEARS: 'PHOENIX' TO BE RELEASED APRIL 15 BY EMI AMERICA RECORDS



**Global CD & Digital Album Release
Coincides with ASIA's 2008 World Tour,
Including U.S. Dates in April & May**

- Full-Art CD Servicing in Early April -

Hollywood, California – The acclaimed British progressive rock group ASIA has announced the April 15 (April 14 internationally) release of Phoenix, its first studio album since 1983. Recorded by all four original members, Phoenix will be released on CD and digitally by EMI America Records in North America and by Frontiers Records in the rest of the world. Since 1982, ASIA has sold more than 15 million albums globally, and the band has announced a world tour to support the release of Phoenix, with U.S. dates confirmed for April and May.

Phoenix marks a return to the classic ASIA sound, with some surprising contemporary twists. "Everything that was there 25 years ago is still there, and quite simply, if you liked it then, you'll love it now," says ASIA's singer and bassist John Wetton.

Phoenix is a collection of songs that speak to the millions of core ASIA fans who, like the group, have come a long way since the dawn of the MTV age in 1982. "We're older now, and our audience has grown up with us," says drummer Carl Palmer. "I think the lyrical themes on this record are some of the best John has ever developed. One track in particular, 'Extraordinary Life,' is among the best tracks we've ever recorded, and I believe could go on to be another ASIA classic."

"1982 feels like only yesterday," comments keyboardist Geoff Downes about recording ASIA's landmark debut album as compared to Phoenix. "Four guys in the studio, making music together - John, Steve, Carl and me. Fast forward to 2008. Once again, here we are: The same four guys doing the same things. Maybe we're all a bit older now, but nothing's really changed that much over the years - that's the beauty of ASIA."

ASIA: "Phoenix" World Tour - Confirmed U.S. Dates

- April 4 Wilkes Barre, PA - Kirby PAC
- April 5 Uncasville, CT - Mohegan Sun Casino, Wolf Den
- April 7 Harrisburg, PA - Sunoco Performance Theater
- April 8 Alexandria, VA - The Birchmere
- April 10 Collingswood, NJ - Scottish Rite Auditorium
- April 12 Westbury, NY - North Fork Theatre
- April 13 Peekskill, NY - Paramount Center for the Arts
- April 15 Verona, NY - Turning Stone Resort & Casino
- April 16 Red Bank, NJ - Count Basie Theatre
- April 17 Englewood, NJ - Bergen Performing Arts Center
- April 19 Cleveland, OH - House of Blues
- April 20 Chicago, IL - House of Blues
- April 21 Indianapolis, IN - Music Mill
- April 23 Milwaukee, WI - Pabst Theater
- April 26 Marksville, LA - Paragon Casino
- April 27 Dallas, TX - House of Blues
- April 29 Espanola NM - Big Rock Casino
- April 30 Phoenix, AZ - Celebrity Theatre
- May 2 Agoura Hills, CA - Canyon Club
- May 3 Las Vegas, NV - House of Blues
- May 4 San Juan Capistrano, CA - The Coach House
- May 5 San Francisco, CA - Grand Ballroom at The Regency Ctr

ASIA PHOENIX

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