

TODD RUNDGREN TO RELEASE NEW CD

“STATE“ hits stores April 8-9 supported by concert tour



The long awaited new studio album by Rock's Renaissance Man Todd Rundgren, entitled *STATE*, is being released on the Esoteric Antenna label on Monday 8th April (UK, Europe, Japan) & on Tuesday 9th April (USA & Canada).

Todd's latest musical vision is a contemporary fusion of rock and electronica. *STATE* continues the tradition of boundary-breaking works from this visionary genius, and its finely crafted songs once again push the creative envelope.

As a songwriter, video pioneer, producer, recording artist, computer software developer, conceptualist, and interactive artist, Rundgren has made a lasting impact on both the form and content of popular music. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Rundgren began playing guitar as a teenager, going on to found and front **The Nazz**, the quintessential '60s psychedelic pop group. In 1969, he left the band to pursue a solo career, recording his debut offering, the legendary **Runt**. But it was 1972's seminal **Something/Anything?** on which he played all the instruments, sang all the vocal parts, and acted as his own producer, that catapulted Todd into the superstar limelight, prompting the press to unanimously dub him "Rock's New Wunderkind." It was followed by such landmark LPs as **The Hermit of Mink Hollow** and **A Wizard A True Star**, as well as such hit singles as "I Saw The Light," "Hello It's Me," "Can We Still Be Friends," and "Bang The Drum."

In 1974, Todd formed Utopia, an entirely new approach to the concept of interactive musicianship, and embarked on an extensive round of touring and recording. Standout Utopia offerings included the hit singles "**Set Me Free**," "**One World**," and "**Love Is The Answer**" and albums **Oops! Wrong Planet** and **Adventures in Utopia**. Along the way, Utopia combined technical virtuosity and creative passion to create music that, for millions, defined terms "progressive rock" in Utopia's early configuration, and "power pop" in its latter years.

Rundgren's myriad production projects include albums by **Patti Smith**, **Cheap Trick**, **Psychedelic Furs**, **XTC**, **Grand Funk Railroad**, **Hall And Oates** and one of the best selling albums of all time, **Meat Loaf's Bat Out of Hell**. Rounding out his reputation as rock's Renaissance Man, Rundgren composed all the music and lyrics for Joe Papp's 1989 Off-Broadway production of Joe Orton's **Up Against It** (the screenplay commissioned by The Beatles for what was meant to have been their third motion picture). He also composed the score for **Dumb and Dumber** as well as a number of television series, including **Pee Wee's Playhouse** and **Crime Story**.

With the release of his new album *STATE*, Todd will tour in support of the release beginning in April in the USA and then continuing in Scandinavia, Benelux and the UK in May / June and throughout the remainder of 2013. His annual summer camp, this year celebrating his 65th birthday and dubbed Toddstock v6.5, takes place at a historic Plantation resort outside of New Orleans June 17-22.

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