

Peter Gabriel

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ANNOUNCES NORTH AMERICAN TOUR BACK TO FRONT TO CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF GABRIEL'S GROUNDBREAKING, ICONIC ALBUM **SO**

"...how profoundly powerful music can be in the hands of an absolute master like Peter Gabriel." – LA TIMES

LOS ANGELES, CA (May 22, 2012) — Following a critically acclaimed *New Blood* tour in 2011 that reignited Peter Gabriel fans across the world by reimagining his best known songs through stunning orchestral arrangements, Gabriel announced today his return to U.S. stages to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his groundbreaking, iconic album *So.*

Focusing on the entirety of that multi-platinum album, the tour, entitled BACK TO FRONT, will feature Gabriel with members of the original *So* touring band and will feature the album's songs from start to finish plus some of his other biggest hits. The tour stops in 13 North American cities and tickets go on sale beginning May 23rd in Canada and May 31st in the U.S. for fan club members with general on-sales to follow at www.Ticketmaster.com and www.LiveNation.com.

To coincide with the tour, **So** will be re-issued on September 18th as a CD, special edition 3-CD set, and Super Deluxe Box Set. **So** is the best-selling album of Gabriel's career and debuted at the top of the music charts around the world going on to achieve 5-times platinum sales and becoming one of the most seminal albums of the 1980's. It features hits such as "Sledgehammer," "Big Time," "Red Rain," the haunting duet "Don't Give Up" with Kate Bush, and one of the most iconic songs of all time "In Your Eyes." The songs were also part of the emerging video revolution and the groundbreaking "Sledgehammer" became one of the most awarded video's of its time. To this date, "Sledgehammer" remains the most played video of all time on MTV.

More details on the CD can be found at www.petergabriel.com

Peter Gabriel first came to international prominence with the success of Genesis, a band that he co-founded while still at school. Since leaving Genesis in 1975, his recording career has included seven studio albums, film soundtracks for Alan Parker's 'Birdy', Martin Scorsese's 'The Last Temptation of Christ' and Philip Noyce's 'Rabbit Proof Fence' as well as live and compilation albums. His wider musical career has included multiple Grammy Awards, the creation of the Real World record label, and in 1980 the creation of WOMAD, the festival that has launched the careers of many world music artists.

Peter Gabriel co-founded the human rights organization Witness.org in 1989, the organization that pioneered the use of technology in human rights campaigning, and in 2007 the Elders.org

was launched by Nelson Mandela, which was founded by Peter Gabriel and Sir Richard Branson. In 2006, Peter Gabriel was awarded the prestigious Man of Peace title by The Nobel Peace Laureates and in 2008 was also included in the Time 100 list. He has also engaged in a wide variety of tech-based businesses throughout a variety of creative industries.

PETER GABRIEL 2012 North American Tour Itinerary

Sunday, September 16 Quebec City, QC Colisee Pepsi Tuesday, September 18 Montreal, QC Bell Centre

Wednesday, September 19 Toronto, ON Air Canada Centre Friday, September 21 Philadelphia, PA Wells Fargo Center Sunday, September 23 Wantaugh, NYNikon at Jones Beach

Monday, September 24 Boston, MA TD Garden

Wednesday, September 26 Detroit, MI Palace of Auburn Hills

Thursday, September 27 Chicago, IL United Center Sunday, September 30 Denver, CO Red Rocks Tuesday, October 2 San Jose, CA HP Pavilion

Friday, October 5 Las Vegas, NV Planet Hollywood Showroom

Saturday, October 6 Los Angeles, CA Hollywood Bowl

Tuesday, October 9 Santa Barbara, CA Santa Barbara County Bowl

For complete tour and ticket information visit <u>www.petergabriel.com</u> and www.livenation.com.

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