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**Greg Lake of Emerson Lake and Palmer and King Crimson in Minneapolis May 10**

BY BILLY JAMES

Greg Lake, songwriter, poet, vocalist and founding member of Emerson Lake and Palmer and King Crimson, tours the United States in "Songs of a Lifetime," will be at the Varsity Theater in Minneapolis' Dinkytown area on May 10.

Greg Lake has long been considered a legendary voice and musical powerhouse whose impact changed the landscape of rock and roll. The tour showcases Greg's influence on music and those who influenced his music in an unusual, personal show consisting of songs, stories, and audience participation. The tour coincides with the pre-release of the artist's autobiography, which will be made available first to those who attend the shows in audio book form, read by the author himself. The autobiography will be released in three parts, with the full print version available at the end of the year. Volume 1 will be available at the shows.

The tour gives fans the opportunity to hear songs from Emerson, Lake & Palmer, King Crimson, and others in a storyteller format with a question and answer session. The unique format allows for a different and personal show every night, featuring stories of Lake's encounters with other musical greats who influenced him.

"The concept of performing an intimate and autobiographical show presents a huge challenge," Lake said. "My experience of this format last tour (2010's acclaimed collaboration with keyboard artist Keith Emerson) was so invigorating it still gives me a thrill every time I think about it."

"The audience and I have created an intimate and unusual experience together," he added. "However, at the end of the night the most important [thing] of all is that the audience always feels they have been entertained and enriched by the whole live experience."

More surprises are ahead for fans and each show promises to be both exciting and different. "This is not a boring show, with me strumming folk songs," Greg promises. "There is drama and pathos," he continues. "I hope theatre goers will feel that they have been part of an unusual and enlightening experience, as well as having been entertained."

The autobiography is NOT an audio recording of the show, but a narrative of Mr. Lake's experiences from childhood to the present, including never before revealed details, funny and poignant moments, and colorful facts of his extraordinary career as one of the world's leading and influential musicians, songwriters, vocalists and poets. The autobiography will be released in three audio book volumes, read by the author. The first volume will be available at the show; the complete print edition is anticipated at the end of the year.

New editions of Greg Lake's solo albums and DVDs are also expected to be made exclusively available to those fans in attendance.

Lake also made headlines when he and his former band mates Carl Palmer and Keith Emerson recently signed with Razor & Tie Records for a full re-issue campaign of Emerson, Lake & Palmer's material. The campaign, which will begin later this year, will start with the release of newly expanded and re-mastered editions of the trio's first six albums.

More information can be found at [www.greglake.com](http://www.greglake.com) and [varsitytheater.org](http://varsitytheater.org).



Greg Lake

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