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CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. – Trans Siberian Orchestra will return to the Show Me Center for one night only, performing “Beethoven’s Last Night” on May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

When Paul O'Neill first conceived Trans-Siberian Orchestra, his goal was as straightforward as it was ambitious.

"The whole idea," he explains, "was to create a progressive rock band that would push the boundaries further than any group before, following in the footsteps of Emerson, Lake & Palmer, Pink Floyd, the Who...but take it way, way further."

With more than 7 million albums sold, TSO has inspired generations of fans to rediscover the multi-dimensional art form of the rock opera. On the road, meanwhile, they have become one of the world's top acts including a recent mention in Billboard magazine as one of the top touring artists of the past decade. With a \$20 million-plus production that has played to over 7 million people in 80+ cities, selling more than \$280 million worth of tickets.

"I wanted to take the very best of all the forms of music I grew up on and merge them into a new style," O'Neill says. "Basically I was building on the work of everybody I worshipped: the rock opera parts from bands like the Who; the marriage of classical and rock from bands like Emerson, Lake & Palmer and Queen; the over-the-top light show from bands like Pink Floyd...I always wanted to do a full rock opera with a full progressive band and at least 18 lead singers."

- **WHEN:** May 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- **DOORS OPEN:** 6:30 p.m.
- **TICKET PRICES:** \$39.50, \$49.50 & \$59.50
- **SEATING CHART:** West End Stage
- **AVAILABILITY:** Available at the Show Me Center Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, online at [www.ShowMeCenter.biz](http://www.ShowMeCenter.biz) or charge by phone at (573) 651-5000.

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