

Alan Parsons Live Project 2007

Legendary rock artist and Grammy winner Alan Parsons and his band, the Alan Parsons Live Project featuring lead singer PJ Olsson, return to Houghton on October 12 and 13 for two concerts in the Rozsa Center with the Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra. Both concerts, which start promptly at 7:30 p.m., will be followed by “Meet Alan Parsons” receptions. Tickets for the concerts and the receptions are available from the Rozsa Center Box Office (487-3200 and www.tickets.mtu.edu).

Alan Parsons and the band headlined two previous sold-out concerts with the KSO, in February 2006. Band members enjoyed Michigan Tech so much that they agreed to return for one more concert series. The band includes lead singer/songwriter (and Houghton native) PJ Olsson, keyboardist Manny Focarazzo, guitarist Godfrey Townsend, drummer Steve Murphy, and bassist John Montagna, all busy pros with long solo careers. Lighting designer Martin Thomas and audio engineer Greg Rubin, are also top professionals in their fields. Parsons liked the sound his band created with the sixty KSO musicians—violins, bassoons, and all—so much that he took the concept on the road. The band has played with several other orchestras throughout the U.S.

Alan Parsons started his career in the 1960's and '70's as recording engineer for the Beatles and Pink Floyd before founding his studio band, the original Alan Parsons Project. He has remained at the cutting edge of popular music, integrating technology and symphonic sounds with the best of rock 'n roll. In addition to his acclaimed live

performances, he is considered one of the world's foremost audio designers, engineers, and songwriters.

The Rozsa shows will feature Parsons classics including *Games People Play*, *Eye in the Sky*, and *Time*, as well as selections from his recent CD, *A Valid Path*, for which he and PJ Olsson received Grammy nominations for best Surround Sound Album.

The appearance of the Alan Parsons Live Project at the Rozsa Center is made possible by generous support from Heartland Communications Group, Inc., Portage Health, and Michigan Tech's Department of Visual and Performing Arts. Tickets for the shows are \$40 and \$35 for general public, \$25 and \$20 for Michigan Tech students (all seats \$50 in first three rows). Tickets for the "Meet Alan Parsons" receptions, including snacks and beverages, are \$30.

More information about the Alan Parsons events is available from the Department of Visual and Performing Arts (4878-2067) and on the web at www.fa.mtu.edu.

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