

Trans-Siberian Orchestra tickets on sale today

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The Bryce Jordan Center has wanted to host a Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert for more than 10 years.

On Nov. 5, it will finally happen. Tickets for the show go on sale today at 10 a.m. and can be purchased at the BJC, the Penn State Downtown Theatre Center, Eisenhower Auditorium and online. Tickets are priced at \$28.50, \$49.50 and \$59.50 for the 8 p.m. show.

BJC Sales and Marketing Director Bernie Punt said he anticipates a strong ticket sale for the performance.

The Trans-Siberian Orchestra now consists of two bands, one touring on the East Coast and the other on the West Coast, and is best known for its renditions of Christmas songs and elaborate concerts, which include light shows and pyrotechnics.

Punt said the orchestra, formed in 1996 by manager Paul O'Neill,

has only made stops in larger markets such as Pittsburgh and Philadelphia in recent years.

"Every year we're always trying to beg to get on their routing and they told us it would take years, so we stayed persistent," Punt said. "It adds a little more energy to the building when we have a first-time event."

Kristy Cyone, marketing manager at the State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave., said she thinks the show will be great. "Based on how popular they are and the music they perform, I imagine it would have to be an amazing show," Cyone said. "It's great to see that being brought to our area."

Annie Ignasiak has seen the orchestra play three times in her hometown and is going, once again, to see them in State College. She said she isn't a huge fan of Christmas songs but makes an exception for the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

"TSO is the only Christmas music I'll listen to: the light show, the electric guitar," Ignasiak (jun-

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The Trans-Siberian Orchestra, known for its elaborate live shows, will play at the Bryce Jordan Center in November. Tickets go on sale today.

ior-human development and family studies) said. "It's cool how they incorporate the story of Christmas into this huge production."

Aside from the lights and pyrotechnics, another thing that makes this show unique from other BJC productions is the variety of people that it draws.

"When you have B.o.B and Travie [McCoy], you have a certain age demographic. With this, it's all over the place," Punt said. "There are not many acts out

there with the exception of theatrical shows that can draw that kind of population."

Punt said the BJC expects to have about 10,000 people attend the show. It should be a popular show, especially because of the Penn State-Northwestern football game at Beaver Stadium the next day, Punt said.

Football game or not, Bobby Laraway (senior-life sciences), who has seen the orchestra before, said he encourages everyone to attend the show.

"It's really loud and entertaining with a lot of lights," Laraway said. "It keeps you on your toes."

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