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Double the Lasers in the New Pink Floyd LaserSpectacular

The longest-touring theater show in history just got brighter and more dazzling.

LONG BEACH, California —When the name of your show is “LaserSpectacular,” adding double the lasers is a big deal. Paramount’s Original LaserSpectacular featuring the Music of Pink Floyd will do just that when it reappears Saturday, May 16 at 8 p.m. inside the Carpenter Performing Arts Center, 6200 E. Atherton Street, on the Cal State Long Beach campus.

Producer Steve Monistere created the show in 1986. Since its first performance sold out the Woodlawn Theater in San Antonio, Texas, the LaserSpectacular has toured every year, making it the longest-touring theater show in history. And every year, Monistere adds something new.

“We’ve literally doubled the amount of lasers” this year, he said.

But that’s not all. The show “has changed quite a bit” from previous performances, Monistere said, with new video animations and graphics.

“It’s very 2015,” the producer said. “Pink Floyd’s music is very dramatic and visual. You can imagine images when you listen to Pink Floyd’s music. Without any lighting effects at all, there is still a show in your mind. Now imagine using lasers, lighting, video and other special visual effects to interpret what your mind is ‘seeing,’ and that is why people love this show so much. It touches on all of their senses.”

One thing that remains the same is the music. Pink Floyd’s record-breaking best seller “Dark Side of the Moon” is played for the first half of the show. That album lasted 11.4 years (591 consecutive weeks) on the

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Billboard top 200, winning it a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records for lasting longer on the charts than any other album in history.

The second half of the show is a best-of compilation that includes songs from “The Wall.”

The show clocks in at two hours and 20 minutes.

When the LaserSpectacular last performed at the Carpenter Center on March 15, 2013, a second show was added when the first show sold out.

Single tickets for the Pink Floyd LaserSpectacular start at \$35. For tickets and more information, visit CarpenterArts.org or call the Carpenter Center Ticket Office at (562) 985-7000. This event is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3FM.

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