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ON the subject of playing *Smoke On The Water* on stage for over 40 years now, (easily one of the greatest rock riffs in history!) Deep Purple frontman Ian Gillan was once quoted as saying, "I get a tickle in my tummy around midday on concert day every time."

Well, you can bet Deep Purple will be tickled pink and ready to rock Genting Highlands this Sunday.

Considered to be among the pioneers of heavy metal and modern hard rock, Deep Purple formed in 1968 and despite many changes to the original line-up have sold over 100 million albums worldwide across 18 albums.

Back again for a concert in Malaysia, Deep Purple's current band members include Gillan, 64, keyboardist Don Airey, 61, bassist Roger Glover, 64, guitarist Steve Morse, 55, and drummer Ian Paice, 61.

The band has made several local visits, including packing out the Sepang circuit in 2001 and rocking the Shah Alam stadium in 1999. The band, which first played KL in 1982, is expected to unleash heavy-hitters from its illustrious catalogue, including classics such as *Highway Star*, *Space Truckin*, *Lazy*, *Black Night*, *Hush* and rock-anthem, *Smoke On The Water*.

Deep Purple plays the Genting Arena of Stars in Genting Highlands this Sunday. Showtime is 8pm. Tickets, ranging from RM468, RM368, RM268 and RM168, are available now. Hotline: 03-2718 1118. Online booking: rwgenting.com

■ **THE** Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre's resident director Kimmy Kiew brings a double bill of plays – *Pilgrims* and *A Loser* – by famed Taiwanese writer Ma Sen today till Sunday at Pentas 2, KLPac, Sentul Park, Jalan Strachan in KL.

A Loser mirrors today's consumer-oriented society and people's endless pursuit for materialism



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while *Pilgrims* is about an unusual friendship between a beggar and monk. Featuring Seng Soo Ming, Fan Wen Siew and Dickson Chai. Showtime is 8.30pm (except Saturday and Sunday when it is at 3pm). Tickets are priced at RM33 and RM23 (students and senior citizens). For details, call 03-4047 9000 or browse klpac.org.

■ **INSTANT** Café Theatre's *Sex! Money! Scandal! The Pandemic* takes centrestage on Saturday (8.30pm) and Sunday (5pm and 8.30pm) at PJ Live Arts (PJLA), Jaya One, Section 13 in Petaling Jaya, Selangor.

The comedy, in conjunction with PJLA's Laugh Fest, is about scandalous Malaysia. Join multi-faceted Jo Kukathas as she takes on characters such as YB Deputy Minister, Ribena Berry, Puan Cannon and Judge Mental Singh who react to the country's latest scandals.

Directed by Zalfian Fuzi, the comedy also features Edwin Sumun, Junji Delfino, Maya Tan Abdullah with David Gomez on keyboards. Tickets are RM45. For details, call 03-7960 0439 or e-mail boxoffice@pjla.com.my. Alternatively, browse instantcafetheatre.com.

■ **ADAM** *The Musical* will run till June 20 at The Actors Studio@Lot 10, Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL. The poignant performance discusses HIV/AIDS. Shows are 8.30pm daily and 3pm on Sundays with no performances on Mondays. Tickets are priced at RM60, RM40 and RM30 (students, senior citizens and the disabled). For details, call 03-2142 2009/ 4047 9000 or go to theactorsstudio.com.my.

■ **AWARD**-winning international theatre actress and singer Lea Salonga performs on May 22 and 23 at the Plenary Hall, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

The Filipino singer and actress is best known for her musical roles in *Miss Saigon*, *Les Miserables* and the singing voice of Disney's animated roles – namely Princess Jasmine in Disney's *Aladdin* and Fa Mulan for both the *Mulan* movies.

The performance on May 22 is exclusively for Enrich and CIMB Bank card members while the May 23 performance is open to the public. Tickets are priced at RM853, RM553, RM353, RM253 and RM153. Early bird discounts available. For details, call 03-7711 5000 or browse aneveningwithleasalonga.my or access.com.my.