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APRIL WINE SET TO OPEN FOR DEEP PURPLE IN KINGSTON ON FEBRUARY 9 AT K-ROCK CENTRE

Vancouver, BC ~ Paul Mercs Concerts is pleased to announce April Wine as the opening act in Kingston, ON for Deep Purple on the band's Smoke on the Nation Tour, Canada 2012.

With fifteen studio albums, three live releases, numerous compilations, a boxed set and thousands of concerts under their belt, Canadian rock band April Wine have become enormously popular throughout Canada, the United States and the world. Best known for hit singles such as "Just Between You and Me" and "Sign of the Gypsy Queen", April Wine were inducted into the East Coast Music Hall of Fame in 2008 and into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in 2010.

Rock pioneers Deep Purple are poised for the heaviest winter on record. Nearly four decades after forming, over 100 million albums sold worldwide and recent recipients of The Innovator Award at the 2011 Classic Rock Roll of Honour Awards, Deep Purple are without a doubt one of the most dynamic and influential bands in rock history.

Tickets for the Kingston show are available online at www.k-rockcentre.com, by phone at 1.877.KLIVE99 (554-8399), or in person at the K-Rock Centre box office (Gate 4 – Barrack Street).

For more information, please visit www.aprilwine.ca and www.deeppurple.com.

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