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CANDLEBOX DOESN'T LEAVE FANS "FAR BEHIND" AT SANDS BETHLEHEM SHOW

With their latest CD "Disappearing in Airports" hitting number two on the Hard Rock Billboard Charts, their debut single "Vexatious" receiving radio airplay throughout the county and selling out venues night after night, Candlebox is currently enjoying a resurgence like none other. And what makes the group's rapid ascension back into the spotlight even more exciting is the fact that now Philadelphia's own Brian Quinn (Octane, Fosterchild) has joined the band as guitarist.

So, when I heard that Candlebox would be playing their first show near Philadelphia at Sands Casino and Resort in Bethlehem, PA, I jumped at the chance to see one of my favorite bands. And I must say, they are better than ever. Kevin Martin's vocals are still boundless as the passion and authenticity of his voice mesmerizes fans while the return of Dave Krusen (drummer on the Pearl Jam "Ten" album) on drums and Adam Kury on bass provides the

not overbearing rhythm section. Guitarists Quinn and Mike Leslie played double duty backing up Martin beautifully, especially on such new songs as "Spotlights" and "Vexatious" and of course the classics "Blossom" and "Far Behind".

While I was there, I had the opportunity to meet the band after the show and ask Quinn a few questions about what it's like to perform with a national act in front of an audience that was almost entirely there to see him perform.

OOT: How did it feel to play your first "hometown" show with the whole band?

Brian Quinn: It was outstanding. I was so happy to see so many of my family and friends from both NEPA and Philly. I was overwhelmed to say the least. It's always a trip to have my parents at a show. They had a blast. It seemed like everyone did judging by what the center bar in the casino looked like

after the show. (laughs)

OOT: Any plans for a Philadelphia show?

Brian Quinn: Yes, I just recently received our tentative Fall 2016 itinerary and there is FINALLY a date in Philly! I can't wait. The tentative date is September 15th. Venue is to be determined.

You read it here first! There will be a Philly date, so stay tuned!

Here are a few photos from the Sands Bethlehem show:

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