

Event Will Showcase Local Talent Boston Music Awards Set

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BOSTON "Boston celebrates its music!" That is the theme of the Boston Music Awards, a first-time event to be held on April 11 at the 2,700-seat Opera House. The event, combining an awards ceremony with live performances, is being produced by Candace Avery and Peter Gold in association with Omni-

bus Productions, producers of the New York Music Awards. Official media sponsors include MTV, WBCN-FM, and the Boston Phoenix.

"Boston is producing many acts of international stature, and the area is host to over 1,500 performing bands and many first-rate music schools," says Avery. "We look to recognize the outstanding performers who live in or come from Boston and draw national attention to the area's great well of talent."

Primary focus of the Boston Music Awards will be in the pop/rock field, though the 43 award categories and three hall-of-fame honors also include jazz, folk, blues, r&b, and ethnic music. Nominations come from a polling of local industry figures; winners will be voted in a public and music industry ballot. Half of the awards will be presented to recipients at the ceremony and the remaining half announced at that time.

WBCN plans a live broadcast of the show, and Avery and Gold are soliciting television rights and corporate sponsorship. Avery expects to present eight live acts. Performers and the event's co-hosts have yet to be finalized.

Tickets for the event go on sale at the end of February. A portion of the revenues will be donated to the Boston Music Foundation, a non-profit organization formed to provide grants and a support system for local musicians.

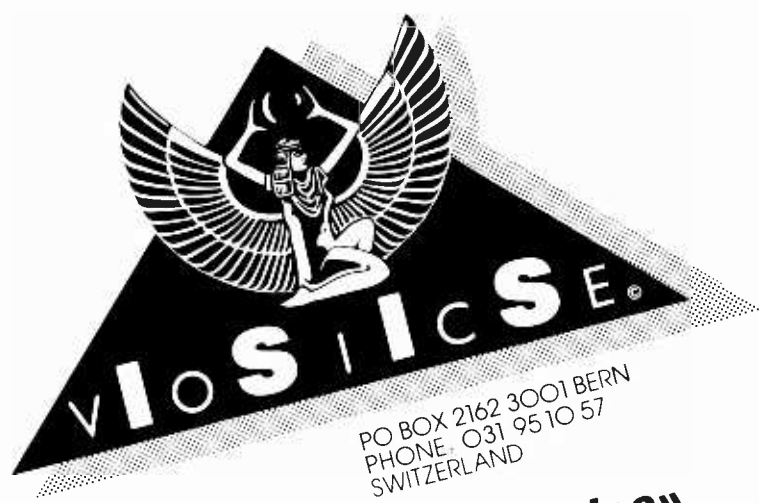
WAYSTED

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seven-night stand at London's Hamersmith Odeon in December.

Plans call for Waysted to hit U.S. concert halls in late February, and there is a good chance the group will again be opening for Iron Maiden. Waysted is managed by Wilf Wright (UFO's former manager) and is booked in the U.S. by Bill Elson of the Gotham-based ICM agency.

"America is the best touring ground in the world," says Way. "In most countries you can only play for about two or three weeks. There are so many markets in America, which is great if you're determined to sustain your career. I wouldn't want to tour the club circuit, though, because I think this band is going to do very well in arenas. If you can project in arenas then that's the best way to gain maximum exposure. And that's what we're looking for."



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ARTIST(S)	Venue	Date(s)	Gross Ticket Price(s)	Attendance Capacity	Promoter
BILLY JOEL	Richfield Coliseum Richfield, Ohio	Jan. 11-12	\$661,325 \$17.50	37,782 sellout	Belkin Prods.
BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET BAND GEORGIA SATELLITES	Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum & Fairgrounds Phoenix, Ariz.	Jan. 10-11	\$455,119 \$16/\$15	28,546 sellout	Evening Star Prods.
HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS BONNIE HAYES & THE WILD COMBO	The Forum Inglewood, Calif.	Jan. 12-13	\$453,068 \$18.50/\$17	24,618 sellout	Avalon Attractions
DAVID LEE ROTH TESLA	Meadowlands Arena & Giants Stadium East Rutherford, N.J.	Jan. 15	\$279,708 \$17.50/\$15.50	19,487 sellout	Monarch Entertainment Bureau John Scher Presents
BILLY JOEL	Civic Arena & Exhibit Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.	Jan. 15	\$279,415 \$17.50	16,060 sellout	Dicesare-Engler Presents
BON JOVI CINDERELLA	Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum & Fairgrounds Phoenix, Ariz.	Jan. 14	\$224,028 \$15/\$14	16,002 sellout	Evening Star Prods.
IRON MAIDEN YNGWIE MALMSTEEN'S RISING FORCE	The Spectrum Philadelphia, Pa.	Jan. 13	\$223,436 \$15/\$13	15,405 sellout	Electric Factory Concerts
HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS BONNIE HAYES & THE WILD COMBO	San Diego Sports Arena San Diego, Calif.	Jan. 9	\$197,435 \$17.50	11,802 sellout	Fahn & Silva Presents
IRON MAIDEN YNGWIE MALMSTEEN'S RISING FORCE	Capital Centre Landover, Md.	Jan. 8	\$182,947 \$15.50	11,803 14,500	Cellar Door Prods.
DAVID LEE ROTH TESLA	Providence Civic Center, Providence, R.I.	Jan. 16	\$172,198 \$16.50	11,190 sellout	Don Law Co.
BON JOVI CINDERELLA	Tucson Community Center Arena, Tucson, Ariz.	Jan. 13	\$129,125 \$15/\$13.50	9,562 sellout	Evening Star
GEORGE STRAIT KEITH WHITLEY	Lake Charles Civic Center Lake Charles, La.	Jan. 17	\$120,585 \$15	8,039 sellout	Varnell Enterprises
RATT POISON	Richfield Coliseum Richfield, Ohio	Jan. 4	\$120,508 \$15/\$14	8,522 10,500	Belkin Prods.
BON JOVI CINDERELLA	El Paso County Coliseum El Paso, Texas	Jan. 11	\$115,880 \$15.50/\$14.50	8,000 sellout	Stardate Concerts
GEORGE STRAIT JOHN CONLEE	Hirsch Memorial Coliseum, Shreveport, La.	Jan. 16	\$112,028 \$14	8,002 sellout	Varnell Enterprises
DAVID LEE ROTH TESLA	Augusta Civic Center Augusta, Maine	Jan. 17	\$102,960 \$15.50/\$14.50	7,217 8,700	Don Law Co.
GEORGE STRAIT	The Celebrity Theatre, Minneapolis, Minn.	Jan. 9-10	\$79,492 \$14.95/\$9	6,158 8,160	in-house
RUN-D.M.C. ORAN "JUICE" JONES	Univ. of Nevada at Las Vegas Las Vegas, Nev.	Dec. 30	\$78,976 \$16	4,936 6,646	Michael Schivo Presents
STATLER BROS. SYLVIA	Greenville Memorial Auditorium, Greenville, S.C.	Jan. 18	\$78,038 \$13.50	5,780 sellout	Varnell Enterprises
CYNDI LAUPER CONCRETE BLONDE	Frank Erwin Center Univ. of Texas at Austin Austin, Texas	Jan. 10	\$77,935 \$14.50/\$12.50	5,663	in-house PACE Concerts
THE OAK RIDGE BOYS THE FORESTER SISTERS	Braden Auditorium Illinois State Univ. Normal, Ill.	Jan. 18	\$75,323 \$16/\$15/\$13/\$10	5,578 6,914	in-house
STATLER BROS. SYLVIA	Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium/Arena Fayetteville, N.C.	Jan. 17	\$68,971 \$13.50	5,109 sellout	Varnell Ent.
BUNNY WAILER GIL SCOTT-HERON	James L. Knight International Center Miami, Fla.	Dec. 13	\$51,210 \$25/\$20	2,618 5,000	Solomonic Prods.
MICHAEL JOHNSON	Orchestra Hall Minneapolis, Minn.	Dec. 26-27	\$46,698 \$15.50/\$13.50/\$9	3,709 4,930	in-house
NEW ORDER RICHARD LLOYD	James L. Knight International Center Miami, Fla.	Dec. 15	\$35,085 \$15	2,517 5,000	Brass Ring Prods.
MARSHALL TUCKER BANK HEARTSFIELD	Westport Playhouse St. Louis, Mo.	Dec. 27	\$31,324 \$15	2,168 sellout	Contemporary Prods.
COMMODORES KENNY BYRD	The Celebrity Theatre, Minneapolis, Minn.	Jan. 2-3	\$25,036 \$14.95/\$9	2,295 6,120	in-house
ROBERT CRAY CURTIS SALGADO & THE STILLETTO'S	Starry Night Portland, Ore.	Jan. 10	\$22,000 \$10	2,200 sellout	Double Tee Prods.
BAD BRAINS FLIPPER GANG GREEN	The Ritz New York, N.Y.	Jan. 17	\$19,802 \$12/\$10	1,574 sellout	Monarch Entertainment Bureau John Scher Presents
JOHNNY THUNDER THE HOMEWRECKERS	The Ritz New York, N.Y.	Jan. 16	\$15,588 \$13.50/\$12.50	1,406 1,574	Monarch Entertainment Bureau John Scher Presents
TODD RUNDGREN	Westport Playhouse St. Louis, Mo.	Dec. 26	\$15,170 \$14.50	1,084 sellout	Contemporary Prods.
ROBERT CRAY BAND CURTIS SALGADO & THE STILLETTO'S	Erb Memorial Union Ballroom, Univ. of Oregon Eugene, Ore.	Jan. 11	\$10,770 \$8.50/\$7.50	1,350 sellout	Double Tee Promotions
THE RAINMAKERS	Westport Playhouse St. Louis, Mo.	Jan. 10	\$4,725 \$7.50	733 sellout	Contemporary Prods.

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