



**All Smiles.** Grace Jones, right, was one of the many celebrities who showed at a recent Manhattan party held by Columbia Records to celebrate the label's signing of Dolly Parton. (Photo: Chuck Pulin)

## Talent in Action

### JAMES BROWN

*The Channel, Boston, Mass.*  
Tickets: \$10.50

IT HAS FINALLY happened. Riding the crest of his umpteenth comeback, the 53-year-old James Brown is slowing down on stage. At this sold-out Jan. 17 show, the Godfather of Soul delivered what might be termed a paced, measured set. Unfortunately, however, restraint does not much befit Brown. When he stepped back to let his band play extended solos (many featuring Brown on keyboards), the predominantly white audience went scurrying for the bar and bathrooms.

The nearly two-hour set reached its low point a little over halfway through, when Brown slow-danced with several female audience members. What made these mellow portions all the more frustrating were the show's intermittent high points.

As always, Brown's 13-piece band (which included saxophonist Maceo Parker, who has been in and out of Brown's band too many times to count) was remarkably sharp and punchy. The group came out steaming, introducing Brown over its trademark furious riffing. At the outset, the singer charged through several satisfying versions of cuts from his latest album, "Gravity," before settling back. Nearly an hour into the set, he showed that slower songs needn't always be so boring with a riveting reading of the new ballad "How Do You Stop."

To Brown's credit, the show closed in fine fashion with a medley of classics that included "I Got The Feeling," "Jam," and a reprise of

"Living In America." It was 20 minutes of what the man is all about. Still, this was not quite enough to bring the show back together—though a good reward for those who fought the urge to leave an hour earlier.

DAVID WYKOFF

### ROUGH CUTT ALCATRAZZ FANZ

*Country Club, Reseda, Calif.*  
Admission: \$8 in advance,  
\$10 at the door

HEAD-BANGING RADIO station KNAC hosted this evening, and Niji Management provided its second-string lineup of talent (Ronnie James Dio is the company's point man) for a full night of power rock that certainly gave loyal fans of the genre value for their money.

The unsigned Fanz, winner of a KNAC talent contest, opened this recent show with a brief set of Styx-like, keyboard-heavy material. Vocalist Tom Hardy fronted a selection of predictably pleasing material, although the group's signature tune, "Who Put The 'Lie' in Believe," makes a better pun visually than aurally.

Next up was Capitol act Alcatrazz, whose guitarist, Danny Johnson, holds a position once occupied by Yngwie Malmsteen and Steve Vai. Though extremely quick-fingered and graceful in his use of harmonics, Johnson lacks the innovative edge of his predecessors. To make matters worse, the sound mix buried the guitar under Jimmy Waldo's keyboards, undercutting many

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# BOXSCORE TOP CONCERT GROSSES

ARTIST(S)	Venue	Date(s)	Gross Ticket Price(s)	Attendance Capacity	Promoter
GENESIS	Hoosier Dome Indianapolis, Ind.	Jan. 24	\$864,178 \$17.50	50,000 sellout	Belkin Prods.
BILLY JOEL	Capital Centre Landover, Md.	Jan. 27-28	\$623,420 \$17.50	35,506 sellout	Cellar Door Prods.
BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET BAND THE GEORGIA SATELLITES	Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Oakland, Calif.	Jan. 14-15	\$439,316 \$17/\$16	25,869 sellout	Bill Graham Presents
BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET BAND THE GEORGIA SATELLITES	Seattle Center Seattle, Wash.	Jan. 23-24	\$430,561 \$17/\$16	25,719 sellout	Media One
BON JOVI CINDERELLA	Seattle Center Seattle, Wash.	Jan. 26-27	\$421,020 \$16	26,315 sellout	Media One
THE GRATEFUL DEAD	San Francisco Convention Facilities San Francisco, Calif.	Jan. 28-&	\$420,750 \$16.50	25,500 sellout	Bill Graham Presents
JOURNEY	Neal S. Blaisdell Center Honolulu, Hawaii	Jan. 14-15, 17	\$394,625 \$17.50	22,550 sellout	Ken Rosene Presents
GENESIS	Capital Centre Landover, Md.	Jan. 29	\$281,995 \$17.50	16,114 sellout	Cellar Door Prods.
DAVID LEE ROTH TESLA	Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum Uniondale, N.Y.	Jan. 23	\$268,550 \$17.50/\$15.50	16,046 sellout	Monarch Entertainment Bureau John Scher Presents
BILLY JOEL	Providence Civic Center Providence, R.I.	Feb. 1	\$226,712 \$17.50	12,955 sellout	Frank J. Russo
ALABAMA JOHN SCHNEIDER	Richmond Coliseum Richmond, Va.	Jan. 23	\$196,862 \$16.50	11,931 sellout	Keith Fowler Promotions
HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS ROBERT CRAY BAND	Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Coliseum Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 30	\$184,512 \$16	11,676 sellout	Fantasma Prods.
ALABAMA JOHN SCHNEIDER	Hampton Coliseum Hampton, Va.	Jan. 22	\$183,595 \$16.50	11,127 sellout	Keith Fowler Promotions
ALABAMA JOHN SCHNEIDER	Roanoke Civic Center Roanoke, Va.	Jan. 24	\$175,263 \$16.50	10,622 sellout	Keith Fowler Promotions
BOB SEGER & THE SILVER BULLET BAND THE GEORGIA SATELLITES	Memorial Coliseum Complex Portland, Ore.	Jan. 21	\$173,561 \$17/\$16	10,410 sellout	Media One
TRIUMPH KEEL	Long Beach Arena Long Beach, Calif.	Jan. 30	\$168,096 \$16/\$15	10,200 sellout	Avalon Attractions
ALABAMA JOHN SCHNEIDER	Mobile Municipal Auditorium/Theatre Mobile, Ala.	Feb. 1	\$160,776 \$16.50	10,656 sellout	Keith Fowler Promotions
BON JOVI CINDERELLA	Thomas & Mack Center Univ. of Nevada at Las Vegas Las Vegas, Nev.	Jan. 17	\$141,645 \$15/\$13.50	9,514 sellout	Evening Star Prods.
DAVID LEE ROTH TESLA	Rochester Community War Memorial Rochester, N.Y.	Jan. 24	\$139,857 \$15.50/\$14.50	9,836 sellout	Monarch Entertainment Bureau John Scher Presents
DAVID COPPERFIELD	James L. Knight International Center Miami, Fla.	Jan. 10-11	\$134,556 \$17.50	8,409 10,000	Festival Ventures
IRON MAIDEN VINNIE VINCENT INVASION	Reunion Arena Dallas, Texas	Jan. 22	\$131,864 \$15.25	9,502 sellout	Stone City Attractions
DAVID COPPERFIELD	Ruth Eckerd Hall, Richard B. Baumgardner Center for the Performing Arts Clearwater, Fla.	Jan. 12-13	\$116,241 \$17.50	7,070 sellout	in-house
ALICE COOPER MEGADETH	Arizona Memorial Coliseum Phoenix, Ariz.	Jan. 31	\$114,550 \$14.50/\$13.50	8,257 11,850	Evening Star Prods.
THE BEACH BOYS	Dane County Expo Center Madison, Wis.	Jan. 29	\$109,765 \$14.50	7,570 9,920	Stardate Prods.
HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS ROBERT CRAY BAND	Montgomery Civic Center Montgomery, Ala.	Jan. 29	\$100,864 \$16	6,304 sellout	Troy State Univ.
HANK WILLIAMS JR. & THE BAMA BAND EARL THOMAS CONLEY	Humphrey Coliseum Starkville, Miss.	Jan. 31	\$97,861 \$14.50	6,749 sellout	New Era Prods.
TRIUMPH BLACK N' BLUE	Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Oakland, Calif.	Jan. 31	\$94,883 \$17.50/\$15.50	5,961 6,500	Bill Graham Presents
IRON MAIDEN VINNIE VINCENT INVASION	Frank Erwin Center Univ. of Texas at Austin Austin, Texas	Jan. 23	\$94,400 \$16/\$15/\$14	5,798 7,200	Stone City Attractions
HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS ROBERT CRAY BAND	Montgomery Civic Center Montgomery, Ala.	Jan. 29	\$91,200 \$16	6,700 sellout	Troy State Univ. Kaleidoscope Prods. Inc.
CYNDI LAUPER CONCRETE BLONDE	Paramount Northwest Theatre Seattle, Wash.	Jan. 23-24	\$88,976 \$16	5,956 sellout	Media One
THE PRETENDERS IGGY POP	West Palm Beach Auditorium West Palm Beach, Fla.	Jan. 31	\$85,245 \$15	6,013 6,400	Cellar Door Prods.
DAVID COPPERFIELD	Chrysler Hall Norfolk, Va.	Jan. 18	\$84,778 \$17.50	4,875 sellout	Festival Ventures
ALICE COOPER MEGADETH	Seattle Center Seattle, Wash.	Jan. 24	\$81,444 \$16.50	5,163 5,400	Media One
DAVID COPPERFIELD	Ovens Auditorium-Charlotte Coliseum Charlotte, N.C.	Jan. 21	\$71,640 \$17.50	4,936 sellout	Festival Ventures
CONWAY TWITTY DAN SEALS MICHAEL JOHNSON	Louisville Gardens Louisville, Ky.	Jan. 31	\$70,632 \$13.50	5,232 6,600	Jayson Promotions
CHARLIE DANIELS BAND JOHN ANDERSON	Quiet Waters Park Pompano, Fla.	Feb. 1	\$70,000 \$7.50/\$5.50	10,000 sellout	Fantasma Prods.
CYNDI LAUPER DEBORAH IYALL & LOWER EAST VENUS	Henry J. Kaiser Civic Center Oakland, Calif.	Jan. 30	\$68,356 \$17.50/\$15.50	4,372 5,500	Bill Graham Presents
ALICE COOPER MEGADETH	Thomas & Mack Center Univ. of Nevada at Las Vegas Las Vegas, Nev.	Jan. 30	\$65,786 \$15/\$13.50	4,428 6,877	Evening Star Prods.
DAVID COPPERFIELD	Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts Richmond, Va.	Jan. 17	\$65,475 \$17.50	3,962 sellout	Festival Ventures

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