

Piano Man To Tour Russia; Simon In Benefit Concerts

NEW YORK Billy Joel will perform six concerts in the Soviet Union this summer. The tour, organized in conjunction with the Soviet concert agency Goskonsert, calls for three dates at Moscow's Olympic Sports Complex, on July 26, 27, and 29, and three shows at the V.I. Lenin Sports and Concert Complex in Leningrad, starting Aug. 2.

The piano man is the first American popular music star to take a full-fledged rock show to the Soviet Union. A documentary of his visit—considered to be one of the most significant cultural exchanges under the U.S.-Soviet General Exchanges Agreement signed during the 1985 Reagan-Gorbachev summit—will be filmed. According to Joel, however, it's unlikely that the shows will be recorded for an album.

Under an agreement with Gosteleradio, the U.S.S.R. state committee for radio and television, one of the Joel concerts will be taped for national TV broadcast in the Soviet Union.

GRACELAND-AID: A June 15 concert in Atlanta is the first of eight U.S. benefits to be given by Paul Simon and 24 South African musicians. Net proceeds from the shows will be divided equally among three charity concerns.

One-third of the money will go to the Children of Apartheid, a fund to aid detained and imprisoned children in South Africa; one-third will go to the United Negro College Fund; and the remaining third will be split among local municipal charities—dedicated to aiding the plight of hungry, homeless, abused, and disadvantaged children—in each of the cities where the concerts are to be held.

In addition to the Atlanta date, Simon is set to perform in the following cities: Philadelphia, June 17; Boston, June 19; Detroit, June 22; Chicago, June 28; Milwaukee, June 29; Washington, D.C., July 1; and New York, July 2. All venues will be announced shortly.

NEW DEAL: Under a new agreement, Facility Management of New York Inc. and John Scher Presents Inc. will be co-promoting concerts at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Long Island, N.Y. FMNYI has managed the 17,000-seat arena since 1980.

According to John Scher, president of JSP and Monarch Entertainment Bureau Inc., and the nation's second highest grossing promoter in 1986, "The new partnership will make possible cross-promotion and advertising between the coliseum concerts and those we are also producing at the Meadowlands Arena in New Jersey and Madison Square Garden in New York City, thus making possible substantial savings to the artists who choose to play at Nassau and other of our concert promotions."

ON THE ROAD

SHORT TAKES: The Psychedelic Furs begin a monthlong U.S.

tour May 16 in San Francisco, with ex-Duran Duran guitarist Andy Taylor opening the dates... Echo & the Bunnymen and New Order will co-headline a 22-date U.S. tour, starting Aug. 13... Norby Walters Associates has Kool & the Gang and Luther Vandross booked on extensive U.S. tours through early fall... The Pine Knob Music Theatre in Clarkston, Mich., kicks off its 1987 Miller Genuine Draft concert series with a May 23 show from Billy Idol and the Cult... Bad Company is now the opening act on Deep Purple's North American tour... Chris Hillman & the Desert Rose Band is out promoting its eponymous MCA/Curb album... Sammy Ash and T.P.A. have lined up a May 20 booking at Manhattan's Ritz club for two up-and-coming groups, Caught In The Act and the Rhythm Method.

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BOXSCORE TOP CONCERT GROSSES

ARTIST(S)	Venue	Date(s)	Gross Ticket Price(s)	Attendance Capacity	Promoter
U2 LONE JUSTICE	Pontiac Silverdome Pontiac, Mich.	April 30	\$853,347 \$16.50	51,718 sellout	Cellar Door Prods.
U2 LONE JUSTICE	The Centrum in Worcester Worcester, Mass.	May 2-4	\$601,739 \$16.50	37,482 sellout	Don Law Co.
LUCIANO PAVAROTTI	Met Center Bloomington, Minn.	April 28	\$592,189 \$250-\$10	14,533 16,000	Tibor Rudas Theatrical Organization
HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS LONNIE MACK	Hartford Civic Center Hartford, Conn.	April 29-May 1	\$497,625 \$17/\$15	29,468 sellouts	Cross Country Concerts
ERIC CLAPTON THE ROBERT CRAY BAND	Madison Square Garden Center New York, N.Y.	April 27	\$382,200 \$20/\$18.50	19,992 sellout	Ron Delsener Enterprises
ERIC CLAPTON THE ROBERT CRAY BAND	Pacific Amphitheatre Costa Mesa, Calif.	April 13	\$301,958 \$20.35/\$14	18,765 sellout	Nederlander
U2 LONE JUSTICE	Rosemont Horizon Rosemont, Ill.	April 29	\$270,923 \$16.50/\$14.50	16,854 sellout	Jam Prods. Ltd.
BILLY JOEL	Reunion Arena Dallas, Texas	April 16	\$264,198 \$17.50	16,460 17,000	PACE Concerts
LUTHER VANDROSS SHIRLEY MURDOCK	Greensboro Coliseum Complex Greensboro, N.C.	May 1	\$253,968 \$16.50	15,703 sellout	Stageright Prods. Dimensions Unlimited
BILLY JOEL	The Summit Houston, Texas	April 20	\$250,417 \$17.75	14,556 16,000	PACE Concerts
PAUL ANKA BERNADETTE PETERS	Fox Theatre Atlanta, Ga.	April 29-May 3	\$243,316 \$25.50/\$22.50/ \$19.50/\$15.50	15,747 37,424	in-house
LUTHER VANDROSS SHIRLEY MURDOCK	Baltimore Arena Baltimore, Md.	May 2	\$237,563 \$17.50	13,975 sellout	Stageright Prods.
BILLY JOEL	Frank Erwin Center Univ. of Texas at Austin Austin, Texas	April 22	\$222,737 \$17.50	13,120 15,000	PACE Concerts
LUTHER VANDROSS SHIRLEY MURDOCK	Hampton Coliseum Hampton, Va.	May 3	\$186,655 \$17.50	10,907 sellout	Stageright Prods. Party Time Prods.
DEEP PURPLE BAD COMPANY	Civic Arena Pittsburgh, Pa.	April 29	\$144,714 \$14.75	9,802 12,500	DiCesare-Engler Prods. PACE Concerts
KOOL & THE GANG KLYMAXX	Concord Pavilion Concord, Calif.	May 1	\$122,066 \$18.50/\$14.50	7,555 8,475	in-house
DIANA ROSS MACK & JAMIE	Concord Pavilion Concord, Calif.	May 3	\$118,887 \$22.50/\$15.50	6,327 8,475	in-house
ROY CLARK & MEL TILLIS	Fox Theatre St. Louis, Mo.	April 18	\$109,587 \$23.90/\$6.50	7,224 9,234	Fox Concerts Steve Litman Prods.
DEEP PURPLE BAD COMPANY	RPI Fieldhouse Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Troy, N.Y.	April 27	\$99,340 \$14.50	7,039 sellout	Monarch Entertainment Bureau John Scher Presents Northeast Concerts
REO SPEEDWAGON THE GEORGIA SATELLITES	Nashville Municipal Auditorium Nashville, Tenn.	April 7	\$92,314 \$14	6,770 9,900	Sound Seventy Prods.
CAMEO STARPOINT MIKKI HOWARD	The Summit Houston, Texas	April 24	\$90,930 \$17.50	6,018 7,000	PACE Concerts
ANNE MURRAY	Queen Elizabeth Theatre Vancouver Civic Theatres Vancouver, British Columbia	April 17-18	\$90,724 (\$121,810 Canadian) \$25/\$22.50	5,137 5,600	Brimstone Prods.
LUTHER VANDROSS SHIRLEY MURDOCK	Greenville Memorial Auditorium Greenville, S.C.	April 30	\$86,295 \$15	5,886 sellout	Stageright Prods.
CONWAY TWITTY LORETTA LYNN	Mid-South Coliseum Memphis, Tenn.	May 2	\$84,225 \$15	5,964 9,503	Jayson Promotions
ELVIS COSTELLO NICK LOWE	Bren Event Center Univ. of California-Irvine Irvine, Calif.	April 17	\$76,400 \$16	4,952 sellout	Avalon Attractions
GEORGE JONES RANDY TRAVIS PATTY LOVELESS	Centennial Hall Univ. of Toledo Toledo, Ohio	May 3	\$56,980 \$13.75	4,278 9,662	Stellar Entertainment
HANK WILLIAMS JR. & THE BAMA BAND STEVE EARLE	Viking Hall Bristol, Tenn.	April 30	\$52,430 \$14.50/\$13.50	4,007 5,000	Stellar Entertainment Gehl Corp.
RANDY TRAVIS HWY 101	Theatre III, National Art Center Ottawa, Ontario	April 30	\$50,178 (\$67,372 Canadian) \$17.50/\$15.50	4,067 sellout	Stellar Entertainment Concert Prods. International
MOTORHEAD LIZZY BORDEN	Hollywood Palladium Hollywood, Calif.	April 24	\$49,965 \$15	3,608 4,400	Avalon Attractions
THE STRANGLERS VIGIL	The Ritz New York, N.Y.	April 16-17	\$49,732 \$15/\$13.50	2,008 3,000	Monarch Entertainment Bureau John Scher Presents
TEMPTATIONS BEN E. KING	Paramount Theatre Seattle, Wash.	April 11	\$48,740 \$17.50/\$15.50	2,972 sellout	White Rose Ltd.
ANNE MURRAY	Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium Edmonton, Alberta	April 14	\$47,764 (\$64,130 Canadian) \$25	2,602 sellout	Brimstone Prods.
DAVID COPPERFIELD	Rushmore Hall, Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Rapid City, S.D.	May 1	\$45,500 \$15/\$13/\$11	3,548 sellout	Rapid City Journal KKLS AM/FM
ANNE MURRAY	Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	April 7-8	\$45,247 (\$60,750 Canadian) \$22.50/\$20	3,600 sellout	Brimstone Prods.
LOS LOBOS OTIS RUSH	Riviera Chicago, Ill.	May 2	\$38,750 \$15.50	2,500 sellout	Jam Prods. Ltd.
KANSAS IN PURSUIT	Grand Ole Opry House Nashville, Tenn.	April 9	\$38,660 \$14.50/\$13.50	3,030 4,424	Sound Seventy Prods.
KOOL & THE GANG	Fox Theatre St. Louis, Mo.	April 17	\$38,161 \$17.50/\$15.50/\$8.75	2,976 4,598	Fox Concerts Steve Litman Prods.
ANNE MURRAY	Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall Winnipeg, Manitoba	April 6	\$36,147 (\$48,532 Canadian) \$25/\$22.50	2,230 sellout	Brimstone Prods.
KENNY G.	Tampa Theatre Tampa, Fla.	May 2	\$34,790 \$14	2,589 2,800 sellout	Fantasma Prods.
RANDY TRAVIS HWY 101	Massey Hall Toronto, Ontario	April 29	\$34,669 (\$46,548 Canadian) \$18.50	2,636 sellout	Stellar Entertainment Concert Prods. International
ANNE MURRAY	Saskatchewan Center of the Arts Regina, Saskatchewan	April 9	\$33,389 (\$44,830 Canadian) \$25/\$22.50	1,900 sellout	Brimstone Prods.

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