

AB BOXSCORE TOP CONCERT GROSSES

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ARTIST(S)	Venue	Date(s)	Gross Ticket Price(s)	Attendance Capacity	Promoter
NEIL DIAMOND	Meadowlands Arena East Rutherford, N.J.	Feb. 16-18	\$1,221,233 \$20/\$18.50	63,171 sellout	Monarch Entertainment Bureau John Scher Presents
THE MAGIC OF DAVID COPPERFIELD	Fox Theatre Detroit, Mich.	March 4-6	\$756,166 \$22.50/\$14.50	35,577 sellout	Brass Ring Prods.
PATTI LABELLE DESIREE COLEMAN	Westbury Music Fair Westbury, N.Y.	Feb. 24-26	\$326,068 \$32.50	10,896 11,448 sellout	Music Fair Prods.
POISON TESLA	Palace of Auburn Hills Mich.	March 4	\$313,501 \$18.50	16,946 sellout	Cellar Door Prods. Belkin Prods.
METALLICA QUEENSRYCHE	Meadowlands Arena East Rutherford, N.J.	March 1	\$304,674 \$18.50/\$17.50	17,605 sellout	Monarch Entertainment Bureau John Scher Presents
JACKIE MASON	Sunrise Music Theatre Sunrise, Fla.	March 3-4	\$271,810 \$35	7,766 8,172	Cellar Door Prods.
BON JOVI SKID ROW	Providence Civic Center Providence, R.I.	March 2	\$259,537 \$18.50	14,029 sellout	Frank J. Russo
POISON TESLA	The Coliseum Richfield, Ohio	Feb. 25	\$255,494 \$18/\$17	14,968 sellout	Belkin Prods.
REM	Rosemont Horizon Rosemont, Ill.	March 6	\$253,931 \$18.50	13,726 sellout	Jam Prods.
METALLICA QUEENSRYCHE	Civic Arena Pittsburgh, Pa.	March 4	\$221,091 \$17.75	12,764 sellout	DiCesare-Engler Prods.
CHRIS DEBURGH BLACK	Maple Leaf Gardens Toronto, Ontario	Feb. 28	\$214,895 (\$256,155 Canadian) \$24.75/\$21.75	10,436 12,500	Concert Prods. International
CHRIS DEBURGH BLACK	Montreal Forum Montreal, Que.bec	Feb. 27	\$201,505 (\$241,403 Canadian) \$22.50	10,729 15,327	Donald K. Donald Prods.
GEORGE STRAIT BILLY JOE ROYAL	Arizona Veterans Coliseum & State Fairgrounds Phoenix, Ariz.	March 3	\$192,382 \$16.50	12,093 sellout	Varnell Enterprises
BON JOVI SKID ROW	Charles M. Murphy Athletic Center Middle Tennessee State Univ. Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Feb. 20	\$192,338 \$17	11,314 sellout	Mid-South Concerts
BON JOVI SKID ROW	Mid-South Coliseum & Fairgrounds Memphis, Tenn.	Feb. 22	\$190,740 \$17	11,222 sellout	Mid-South Concerts
RANDY TRAVIS K.T. OSLIN	Greenville Memorial Auditorium Greenville, S.C.	March 2-3	\$188,661 \$16.50	11,434 sellout	Special Moments Promotions
HANK WILLIAMS JR. & THE BAMA BAND HIGHWAY 101 RESTLESS HEART	Orlando Arena Orlando, Fla.	Feb. 17	\$177,896 \$18.50	9,616 12,000	Belkin Prods. Future Entertainment
THE TEMPTATIONS/ THE O'JAYS	Valley Forge Music Fair Devon, Pa.	March 4-5	\$155,096 \$20	9,263 11,728 sellout	Music Fair Prods.
POISON TESLA	Redbird Arena Illinois State Univ. Normal, Ill.	March 3	\$148,084 \$16.50	9,375 10,345	Stardate Prods.
GEORGE STRAIT BILLY JOE ROYAL	Tucson Community Center Tucson, Ariz.	March 4	\$147,691 \$16	9,071 sellout	Varnell Enterprises
HANK WILLIAMS JR. & THE BAMA BAND STEVE EARLE & THE DUDES	UTC Arena of Tennessee-Chattanooga Univ.	March 4	\$146,878 \$17.50	8,393 sellout	Cellar Door Prods.
CONWAY TWITTY MERLE HAGGARD GEORGE JONES	Maverick Assembly Center Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge	March 4	\$135,938 \$18.50	7,927 11,223	Jayson Promotions
AMY GRANT MICHAEL W. SMITH GARY CHAPMAN	San Diego Sports Arena San Diego, Calif.	March 3	\$134,171 \$17.50/\$15.50	7,831 8,200	Bill Silva Presents
CHRIS DEBURGH BLACK	Lansdowne Park-Civic Centre Ottawa, Ontario	Feb. 25	\$132,734 (\$158,219 Canadian) \$21.50	7,359 10,000	Donald K. Donald Prods. Concert Prods. International Bass Clef Prods.
CINDERELLA WINGER BULLETBOYS	Freedom Hall Civic Center Johnson City, Tenn.	March 5	\$132,350 \$16.50	8,359 9,200	Sunshine Promotions

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TALENT



CHOIRBOYS. Pictured, from left, are Ian Hulme, Brett Williams, Lindsay Tebbutt, and Mark Gable.

NEW ON THE CHARTS

The Australian quartet Choirboys has entered Billboard's Hot 100 with "Run To Paradise," the single from their U.S. debut album, "Big Bad Noise." The group consists of vocalist Mark Gable, guitarist Brett Williams, bassist Ian Hulme, and drummer Lindsay Tebbutt.

The foursome formed in 1981 and released their self-titled album in Australia two years later. In 1984, Gable damaged his vocal chords and Choirboys were forced to go on a two-year hiatus. In a powerful comeback, the band gained renewed attention as the opening act on Bon Jovi's sold-out 1986 Australian tour.

"Big Bad Noise" was released Down Under last year and was certified double platinum there. The single, "Run To Paradise," which went platinum, is about heroin addiction. Gable says the song "deals with how people start out with aspirations and then get involved with drugs and all their dreams go out the window. How they think they're in paradise but they're nowhere near it."

Choirboys were recently signed to the new U.S. label WTG Records. The group just finished an Australian tour and plans to make U.S. appearances in late spring.

JIM RICHLIANO

Theater Offers A Suite Deal The Deluxe Boxes Include A Bar

BY MOIRA McCORMICK

CHICAGO Poplar Creek Music Theatre, the Nederlander Organization-owned outdoor venue in northwest suburban Hoffman Estates here, is offering eight box suites to the public for its 1989 season at \$35,000 per suite. It is the first Nederlander venue to install boxes, according to spokesman Lou Volpano.

The 25,000-capacity theater, which includes 7,200 reserved pavilion seats and space for 17,800 general admissions on the lawn, tested two boxes last summer, Volpano says. Concert series sponsor the Miller Brewing Co. used one, and the other was sold on a per-show basis. "They were in use

most of the time," Volpano says.

The open-air boxes are located in the center of the pavilion on either side of the production booth, 100 feet from center stage. Each box suite features eight, 10, or 12 swivel seats, with built-in mahogany bar and cabinetry, refrigerator, mahogany tables, and wall-to-wall carpeting.

Box suite services include a staff for serving food and beverages, complimentary parking, and a private entrance to the theater. In addition, ownership of a box includes membership to Poplar Creek's private deck lounge, the Club, which usually costs \$200 per person.

Two of the boxes have already been sold, Volpano says.

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