

## Top Weekend Movies

1. Message In a Bottle
2. Payback
3. My Favorite Martian
4. She's All That
5. Blast From the Past
6. Shakespeare In Love
7. Saving Private Ryan
8. Rushmore
9. Patch Adams
10. Varsity Blues

# 'Piano Man' moves audience

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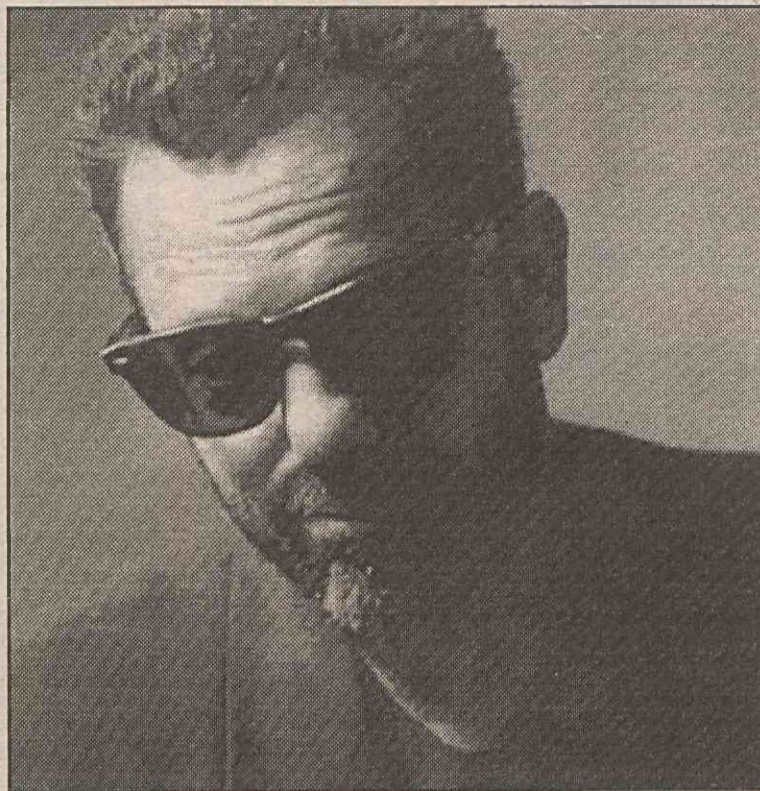
Hundreds of ecstatic fans begin to cheer as the lights dim in Winston-Salem's LJVM Coliseum. Suddenly a white hot spotlight beams down on the Piano Man, who is sitting at his instrument. The legend begins to work his magic on the audience. Ladies and gentlemen, it's Billy Joel.

Joel enthusiastically launches straight into some of his older popular hits, including "You May Be Right" and "Don't Ask Me Why" from the 1980 "Glass Houses" album as well as "Movin' Out (Anthony's Song)" from 1977's "The Stranger." As the spotlight colors change with the mood and beat of the music, he goes on to sing "Allentown," "She's Got A Way," and "The Stranger" followed by "Pressure," "Innocent Man," and "My Life."

Joel, at age 50, shows his audience that the passing of years has not diminished his talent in the least. Though he has been around since the early 70's, Joel still has as much energy on stage as any young performer today. He tossed the microphone stand around like a cheerleader with a baton, pretended to be attacked by a stuffed animal as he began to sing "I Go To Extremes," kicked the piano stool across the stage and ran his rear end along the ivories...and that was before the

concert was half over.

Joel also entertained the fans with some personal stories about his songs. "The Stranger" was written for his first ex-wife and "Innocent Man" was for his second ex-wife. "And So It Goes" was written for the time he dated Elle MacPherson. He giggled at that point, telling the audience that



"Christy [Brinkley, Joel's second ex-wife] thinks the song is for her." He joked with the fans about the danger of taking advice about love from the messages in his music, considering his track record with women. Joel continued his antics with renditions of James Taylor's "Carolina" and Elvis Presley's "Love Me Tender." Joel made up his own lyrics when he forgot the words to the other artists songs.

The Piano Man also made it clear to the crowd that he takes his music very seriously. His tribute to the soldiers from Vietnam War,

"Good Night Saigon," is quite sensitive and touching. During this particular concert, the song began with the infamous simulation of a helicopter, followed by the appearance of Vietnam survivors arm-in-arm on stage and lighters resembling candles in various sections of the darkened Coliseum. Joel and his band threw themselves into the song until the very end, when the bright spotlight swept around the audience like a helicopter search light.

However, fans did not leave the concert feeling depressed. Joel picked things up again with some of his most famous hits, such as "The River of Dreams," "We Didn't Start the Fire," and "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me." The Coliseum then

welled up with the sounds of hundreds of voices as the audience joined Joel in singing "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant."

Joel finished off his fabulous sold-out show with audience favorites "Only the Good Die Young" and finally "Piano Man." His devoted fans clapped and screamed with such enthusiasm that the entire Coliseum shook. The Piano Man aimed the microphone at the audience and let them finish his signature song for him. I think we, the audience, will remember the finale for years to come.

## Where It's At

### On Tour

- March 1: Stabbing Westward, Greensboro Coliseum Complex, Greensboro
- March 6: B\*Witched, Dean Smith Center, Chapel Hill
- March 6: Better Than Ezra, Tremont Music Hall, Charlotte
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- March 13: Rod Stewart, Greensboro Coliseum Complex
- March 17: Black Crowes, Greensboro Coliseum Complex

### On Stage

- Feb. 20: Spring "Gospel Extravaganza" Whitley A.
- Feb. 23: Vietnam In Film: "Green Berets" Whitley A.

### On Screen

- West End Cinema  
(538-9900)
- Payback
  - Varsity Blues
  - Prince of Egypt
  - A Civil Action
  - Life Is Beautiful
  - Stepmom
  - Shakespeare In Love
  - Message In A Bottle
  - A Bug's Life
  - The Faculty
  - Patch Adams
  - You've Got Mail
  - Simply Irresistable
  - My Favorite Martian
  - She's All That
  - Blast From the Past

## WSOE's 89.3 Top Ten

1. Ben Lee "Cigarettes Will Kill You"
2. Jimmy Eat World "For Me This Is Heaven"
3. 3 Colors Red "Beautiful Day"
4. Ani DiFranco "Virtue"
5. Placebo "Without You I'm Nothing"
6. Collective Soul "Heavy"
7. The Cardigans "My Favorite Game"
8. Sparklehorse "Sick of Goodbye"
9. Sebadoh "Flame"
10. MxPx "Never Learn"

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### CD Releases

Feb. 23  
B.C.  
B\*Witched  
Blondie  
Goldie  
TLC

March 2  
Houndog  
Joey McIntyre  
Doug Powell  
Bailter Space

