

Weekend concerts raise millions

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LOS ANGELES - All-star concerts in New York, Washington and Nashville raised millions of dollars for Sept. 11 relief efforts over the weekend.

"The Concert for New York City," which VH1 aired live and commercial-free Saturday, featured Paul McCartney, the Who, John Mellencamp and others performing at Madison Square Garden. The event also featured short films by New York directors such as Woody Allen and Spike Lee and appearances by a number of actors.

Organizers say the concert raised \$14 million for the Robin Hood Relief Fund from ticket sales (seats ranged from \$200 to \$5,000), despite allowing 6,000 members of New York's emergency personnel to see the show for free. VH1 also encouraged viewers to pledge by phone or e-mail during the broadcast.

Sunday, Michael Jackson headlined the "United We Stand" concert at RFK Stadium in Washington. A crowd of 46,000 witnessed an all-day bill featur-



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The Backstreet Boys performed in Washington this past weekend helping to raise millions for relief effort.

ing the Backstreet Boys, Aerosmith, James Brown and 'N Sync, as well as the debut of Jackson's single "What More Can I Give?," written in the aftermath of Sept. 11. Tickets were priced between \$25 and \$75, and the event raised about \$2 million for several relief funds.

ABC will broadcast a two-hour special featuring highlights from the RFK show on Nov. 1.

Also Sunday, country music stars

gathered at Nashville's Gaylord Entertainment Center to raise money for the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Pentagon Relief Fund. Fund-raising numbers will be available later this week.

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Poetry contest winning entry

Each year the Frederick Hartman Poetry Contest rewards fine student writing and emphasizes the importance the creative writing.

This year almost 50 poems were received, and were judged by Alan Shapiro, author of 8 books of poetry.

From all the entries he selected the following winners: first place, Joy Kress; second place, Elizabeth

Scott; third place, Cory Yankush; four honorable mentions, Johannah Lawrence, Jamesia Hale, Matthew Fiander and Greg Robson.

The contest is able to be held annually thanks to a generous gift from Elon alumnus William Maness. The contest is named in honor of Maness' friend Frederick Hartman. Winners receive \$250, \$150 and \$100.

Mechanics

My brother lives by the stains
On his slacks, the oil pumping
Through his veins fueling
The delicate instruments
That are his hands,
Fingers crafting the process
Of acceleration, the process
Of spark to ignition, driving
Parts into one shifting unit.

I live by the stains of ink
On my fingers, combinations
Of letters expanding and contracting,
Harnessing the intangible,
The abstractions that are
My thoughts, wrenching each
Into form, line, break,
Flowing words, searching
For the engine of rhythm.

What I would give
For my hands to bleed the way
His hands bleed, grease dripping over
That intensity of iron and heat,
Vibrating along the elements
Of machines. We wait,
Locked between gears,
And words, metal and lines,
Our blood spilling into these contraptions.

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Frederick Hartman Poetry Contest

Industry NEWS

The Television Academy is diverting mail that's being sent to Shubert Theatre, where the Emmy Awards will be held next month as precaution against anthrax.

Many Hollywood studios and publicists are also returning fan mail to senders as a result of recent anthrax scares.

ABC announced it has picked up the new Sunday spy series "Alias" and the Wednesday comedy "According to Jim."

Microsoft founder Bill Gates will make a guest appearance on NBC's "Frasier" for the show's 200th episode. The show airs Nov. 13.