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# **BILLY JOEL**

## FIRST EVER APPEARANCE AT GREAT AMERICAN BALL PARK FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Tickets on sale Friday, November 15 at 10:00 AM

CINCINNATI, OH — Legendary musician Billy Joel will make his first ever concert appearance at Great American Ball Park on Friday, September 11. This is Billy Joel's first solo stadium show ever in Cincinnati.

"We are thrilled to welcome Billy Joel to Great American Ball Park," said Phil Castellini, Cincinnati Reds president and chief operating officer. "His iconic songs will play beautifully in our ballpark, giving all of Reds Country the rare chance to see this Rock and Roll Hall of Famer LIVE!"

"I am a huge Billy Joel fan," said Reds and National Baseball Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench. "What sets Billy Joel's music apart is how it makes you feel. Every song evokes emotion, triggering memories from throughout my life. Having him perform his timeless hits at the home of the Reds is going to be unforgettable."

American Express® Card Members can purchase tickets before the general public beginning Monday, November 11 at 10:00 AM local time until Thursday, November 14 at 10:00 PM local time.

Tickets for the general public go on sale Friday, November 15 at 10:00 AM via livenation.com.

Due to high levels of congestion during the on sale time, it can often be difficult to purchase tickets right away. Please continue to check Ticketmaster as tickets will be available throughout the day.

In December 2013, Billy Joel became Madison Square Garden's first-ever music franchise, joining the ranks of the storied venue's other original franchises – the New York Knicks, Rangers and Liberty. Since January 2014, Joel has played one show per month at The Garden. This unprecedented and wildly successful residency will mark a 60th consecutive sellout with its January 24, 2019, show and hit its record-setting 100<sup>th</sup> career MSG show last July.

Billy Joel is one of the biggest concert draws in the world and continues this achievement with an impressive run of sold-out consecutive stadium shows and concert arenas. Having sold 150

million records over the past quarter century, scoring 33 consecutive Top 40 hits, Billy Joel ranks as one of most popular recording artists and respected entertainers in history. The singer/songwriter/composer is the sixth best-selling recording artist of all time and the third best-selling solo artist. In 2016, the Library of Congress selected "Piano Man" for preservation in the National Recording Registry for its "cultural, historic, and artistic significance."

In November 2014, Billy Joel received both The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song which honors living musical artists' lifetime achievement in promoting the genre of song as a vehicle of cultural understanding; entertaining and informing audiences; and inspiring new generations, and the once-in-a-century ASCAP Centennial Award, which is presented to American music icons in recognition of their incomparable accomplishments in their respective music genres and beyond.

In December 2013, Joel received The Kennedy Center Honors, one of the United States' top cultural awards. He is also the recipient of six GRAMMY® Awards, including the prestigious Grammy Legend Award. Joel has been inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and has received numerous industry awards including a TONY AWARD for "Movin' Out," a Broadway musical based on Joel's music. For his accomplishments as a musician and as a humanitarian, Joel was honored as the 2002 MusiCares Person Of The Year by the MusiCares Foundation and the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences. Billy Joel: New York State of Mind, the documentary film, explores Joel's unprecedented franchise at Madison Square Garden. Billy Joel: New York State of Mind won five New York Emmys at the 61st Annual NY Emmy Awards in April 2018.

Joel has also performed alongside other music greats at two of Madison Square Garden's most extraordinary benefit concerts – "12-12-12, The Concert For Sandy Relief," which raised awareness and money for those affected by Hurricane Sandy and "The Concert for New York City," which was held to help aid 9/11 victims and heroes. Billy Joel received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, adding another milestone to his brilliant career.

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