
Subject: Bon Jovi!

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Sheri and I went to see Bon Jovi at Chicago's United Center on Tuesday night. That was the last of three sold-out shows...

I've been a fan since the beginning, but for whatever reason, never managed to see them in concert.

Whoa....

Say what you will about the band, that was 2 hours and 40 minutes of pure energy, both coming from the stage and flowing right back at them.

Our seats were 5 rows from the back, so we were really out of the arrays' sweet spot, so sound wasn't all that wonderful. But the visuals and performances were absolutely killer.

Whether or not they're your cup of tea, you have to give them props for finding their audience and resonating with them like nobody's business.

Jon started "Living on a Prayer" by singing a slow, soulful, acapella version of the chorus. He stopped halfway through and let the crowd sing the rest -- let me tell ya, you get chills when you hear 25,000 people who know a song so well that you can understand the words that they're singing....and that you can hear them singing note-for-note even above the sound of the band.

Amazing.

Chris Daughtry opened for them. I hadn't really paid attention to his stuff on the radio, and I don't watch "American Idol".

I went home and ordered his cd. Really good stuff, sung honestly.

And for Tuesday night's show (I verified with others who had seen the two earlier shows), Bon Jovi changed the set list up and included "Blaze of Glory", during which they brought Chris out to sing with Jon and Richie. The audience went nuts, and I have to say, he really pulled it off.

Yeah, our seats sucked. But that has to rank as one of my top-5 favorite concerts.

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