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## **BILLY JOEL RETURNS TO UBS ARENA FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE 2024**

*Long Island's Own to Perform for Second Consecutive Year at Belmont Park*

*Tickets on sale Friday, September 20 at 10am via Ticketmaster*



Announcement Video: <https://youtu.be/fE6Jk9LtdhU>

Belmont Park, NY (September 12, 2024) - UBS Arena is excited to announce the triumphant return of New York's iconic son, **BILLY JOEL**, for another unforgettable New Year's Eve celebration. Following the success of his sold-out performance last year, Billy will once again take the stage for the second consecutive year to ring in the New Year, starting at 9:30 PM.

"Welcoming Billy Joel back to UBS Arena is the perfect way to celebrate what has been a hallmark year for the new venue," said Mark Shulman, Senior Vice President of Programming at UBS Arena. "Capping

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off a stellar year that has featured legendary performers, marquee sporting events, and family shows with our hometown hero is the perfect way to ring in the new year.”

Pre-sale for Citi® Cardmembers begins Monday, September 16 at 10 am through Thursday, September 19 at 10 pm. Public on sale begins Friday, September 20 at 10 am via Ticketmaster.

UBS Arena is New York's newest premier entertainment and sports venue and is developed in partnership with Oak View Group, the New York Islanders, and Jeff Wilpon. The state of the art arena has welcomed top artists from around the globe since opening in November 2021 including Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Chris Stapleton, Dua Lipa, Drake, Harry Styles, Marc Anthony and Suga. The venue delivers an unmatched live entertainment experience for guests including clear sightlines and premier acoustics.

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### **About Billy Joel**

Legendary musician Billy Joel ranks as one of the most popular recording artists and respected entertainers in history. The singer/songwriter/composer is the sixth best-selling recording artist and the fourth best-selling solo artist with over 160 million records sold worldwide. His 1985 compilation album, [Greatest Hits Vol. 1 & 2](#), is one of the [best-selling albums in the United States](#).

Joel's songs have acted as personal and cultural touchstones for millions of people across five decades. Joel's string of 33 Top 40 hits, all of which Joel has written himself, began with 1973's autobiographical '[Piano Man](#)'. Written while Joel was playing in a Los Angeles lounge. In 2016, the Library of Congress selected 'Piano Man' for preservation in the National Recording Registry for its 'cultural, historic and artistic significance'. The hits have continued for almost five decades, with three of Joel's Top 40 songs - '[It's Still Rock and Roll To Me](#)', '[Tell Her About It](#)' and '[We Didn't Start The Fire](#)' - peaking at the top of the Billboard Hot 100 charts and 23 Grammy nominations awarded to Joel since he signed his first recording contract in 1972.

Joel is one of the most engaging and best-selling live performers of our time, with songs like '[Uptown Girl](#)', '[Just The Way You Are](#)', '[The Longest Time](#)' and '[Vienna](#)' - amongst countless others. In January 2014, Joel began Madison Square Garden's first-ever music franchise performing one show at The Garden each month – Billboard Magazine called it “The Greatest Arena Run in History.” More than 50 years after his The Garden debut, after 10 years of sold-out shows, his final concert marked Joel's 150<sup>th</sup> lifetime performance at the venue this past July.

The long list of accolades awarded to Joel across his career is a testament to the reverence given to him by fans, critics, and fellow musicians alike. Joel was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame by his idol Ray Charles in 1999 - Joel has received the RIAA's Diamond Award twice for *Greatest Hits Volume I & Volume II* and *The Stranger*, presented for albums that have sold over 10 million copies, He is the recipient of six GRAMMY® Awards, including the prestigious Grammy Legend Award, Joel has been inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame including the prestigious Johnny Mercer Award; and he was inducted by Barack and Michelle Obama at the 36th Annual Kennedy Center Honor; and he received a TONY AWARD for "Movin' Out," a Broadway musical based on Joel's music.

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As a humanitarian, The Joel Foundation has made and pledged over \$7MM in charitable donations with a focus on music education and humanitarian aid. In addition to supporting vital global relief efforts, The Joel Foundation provides grants to organizations throughout New York City and Long Island leveraging the power of music to enhance the lives of people of every age. Recently, The Joel Foundation announced the continuation of its long-term investment in Long Island's only public arts high school, Long Island High School for the Arts (LIHSA), serving student artists in a pre-conservatory model with a focus on career and technical education.

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UBS Arena is made for music and built for hockey. New York's newest premier entertainment and sports venue and proud home of the New York Islanders is developed in partnership with Oak View Group, the New York Islanders, and Jeff Wilpon. The state of the art arena has welcomed top artists from around the globe since opening in November 2021 including Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen, Chris Stapleton, Dua Lipa, Drake, Harry Styles, Marc Anthony and Suga. The venue delivers an unmatched live entertainment experience for guests including clear sightlines and premier acoustics.

UBS Arena is at the forefront of sustainability, recently achieving Zero Waste TRUE Silver certification in May 2024 in addition to its LEED Green Building Certification and carbon neutrality for operations.

Located on the historic grounds of Belmont Park, UBS Arena is located just 30 minutes by LIRR from Grand Central or Penn Station and is easily accessible from across the region via mass transit or car. To plan your trip, please visit [UBSArena.com/plan-your-trip](https://UBSArena.com/plan-your-trip).

For additional information, please visit [UBSArena.com](https://UBSArena.com) or @UBSArena on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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