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GUY'S NIGHT OUT: Blues-guitar masters Eric Clapton and Buddy Guy (left & right, above) embrace after their set at last night's "Concert for New York" at the Garden, while Long Island guy Billy Joel and cowboy-hatted Jersey guy Jon Bon Jovi (left & right, below) lend their musical ministrations to the tribute to WTC-disaster victims. AP





Benefit raises bucks for Sept. 11 victims

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A mob of music mammoths — from Billy Joel to Bon Jovi — gathered last night to shine the limelight on New York's firefighters and police at a superstar fund-raiser for the victims of Sept. 11.

The "Concert for the City of New York" at Madison Square Garden drew a host of A-list actors, comedians and singing sensations for the five-hour telethon, which was broadcast coast-to-coast without commercials on VH1.

David Bowie got the night started — and drew a wild response from a crowd packed with thousands of police and firefighters — with an epic rendition of his classic 1970s hit "Heroes."

Backstage the famous mingled with the Bravest and Finest, as rapper Jay-Z, Billy Crystal and David Spade chatted with scores of cops and firefighters.

Paul McCartney got so carried away he signed his autograph on the chest of transit cop Brendan Murray. When ex-prez Bill Clinton saw it, he stepped up and signed over the officer's heart.

"The reason I'm here is for my pals," a misty-eyed Murray told The Post. Then he took off his hat where he kept cards with the names of firefighters Arthur Barry and Paul Keating, who disappeared in the collapse of the World Trade Center. "I'm here for these guys."

The concert featured Bon Jovi singing such classics as "Living On A Prayer," Eric Clapton together with blues great Buddy Guy singing "Hoochie Coochie Man" and the Who singing "Baba O'Riley" and "Won't Get Fooled Again" — which brought both Bill and Sen. Hillary Clinton to their feet to dance.

Also appearing were James Taylor, The Backstreet Boys, Macy Gray, the Goo Goo Dolls, Elton John and Destiny's Child. Mick Jagger and Keith Richards did the old Stones' hits "Salt of the Earth" and "Miss You."

Billy Joel, meanwhile, did a haunting rendition of his classic "Miami 2017" filled with lyrics such as *"I've seen the lights go out on Broadway ... I saw the mighty skyline fall,"* that were pregnant with new meaning after the events of Sept. 11.

"I wrote that song 25 years ago and I thought that it would be a science-fiction song," Joel told the crowd afterwards. "But unlike the end of the song, we're not going anywhere."

Rapper Jay-Z added the only bit of hip-hop flavor to the evening when he sang his recent hit "Izzo (H.O.V.)" Later he admitted it was a sign of how much America has united over the past month that a rapper would perform for a crowd filled with thousands of cops.

"I'm very proud of what the police and firefighters did," said Jay-Z, who was arrested by New York cops for gun possession in April. "We [the rap community] see it in a different light now. We have a lot of respect for them and what they did."

In between acts, politicians such as Gov. Pataki, Mayor Giuliani and senators Clinton and Tom Daschle gave speeches while actors and comedians made pitches for donations and did schtick centered firmly around the terror war.

"Our enemies should not mistake the fact that even though they see us cry ... we are stronger, we are tougher and we are ready to defend ourselves as never before," the mayor said to roars of approval.

Howard Stern came on stage in a jumpsuit with the seat cut out and his back side exposed and demanded that celebrities such as Drew Barrymore who have shunned New York come back. Billy Crystal, meanwhile, poked fun at the lighter side of anthrax.

"People thought this would be an award show — but we couldn't get anybody to open up the envelopes," he said, adding: "I've been backstage at a lot of rock concerts, and I've never seen musicians run away from white powder before!"

The event will raise money for a fund administered by The Robin Hood Foundation.

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REEL HERO, REAL HERO: Harrison Ford introduces at the Garden last night a heroic city police officer who was wounded in the attacks. AP





BORN TO ROCK: Buffalo's Goo Goo Dolls (left) rock the Garden, as Melissa Etheridge belts out Bruce Springsteen's classic, "Born to Run." Scott Gries/ImageDirect (left); AP

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