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Joel spurs a trip down memory lane

Billy Joel plans to play monthly shows at Madison Square Garden for as long as the public is interested. Follow his first year of this groundbreaking music-industry experiment by looking at his shows through a variety of viewpoints — from critics, musicians, celebrities and fans. This month, it's Valerie Kellogg, Newsday's Home editor.



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et's start this story from The End. As Billy Joel launched into "This Is ■ the Time" during his latest sold-out show, Saturday

night at Madison Square Garden, I am back in Montauk. It's the late '80s, and my boyfriend and I are putting logs on the fire at a hotel in

Montauk, in young love and unsure and enjoying a moment of independence at a time when we are starting to make our way into the world.

It was hard to imagine in the

days before Joel's concert that I could still be roused by his hits, many of which have been so overplayed that they have at times become aural wallpaper. That's what happens when it comes to Joel — his songs are our memories, and the melodies, however predictable, never

> really get old. His music has been a constant for many Long Islanders, there as the backdrop to rides in the family station wagon, back-

yard barbecues, first crushes, college parties, nights at the bar, weddings, births and funerals.

Whatever memories Joel conjured for the audience Saturday through the 23 chart-top-



ping songs he performed, I can only imagine. "Go way back, Billy," someone could be heard screaming during a set from his early albums, including "Cold Spring Harbor." Throughout the performance, a man and woman in front of me looked at one another at the first chord of each song he performed, as if every

one had a certain special meaning for them, sometimes pulling each other closer, other times kissing with closed eyes.

Middle-age moms danced wildly to "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me" as they filmed one another on their phones. Grown men, many grown men, contorted themselves to take just-the-right-

angled selfies so that Joel could be captured in the background playing piano.

As they tried to move closer to the stage, so did Long Islandbred Judd Apatow, the big-time producer, director and screenwriter who came with an entourage of comedic stars. He eventually left his seat and went to the VIP section, where he could be seen bopping to the music like any other guy in the crowd.

They swayed from the floor to the nosebleed rows during "New York State of Mind," they backed Joel up loudly with each "Oh" during "She's Always a Woman," they shook the floor during "Sometimes a Fantasy" they gave a standing ovation during "Scenes From an Italian Restaurant" and they sang the chorus a cappella to "Piano Man."

A woman from Huntington summed up what probably many felt at a packed Penn Station after the show. "It was like the soundtrack to my life in one concert," she told me.

★★★★ excellent

★★★ good

★★ fair

★ poor

NASSAU

BALDWIN

BOW-TIE GRAND AVE CINEMAS — (516) 223-2324 Jersey Boys **1/2 (R) 12:50, 3:50,

6:50, 9:50. **22 Jump Street** ** **(R)** 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.

How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5, 7:20, 9:40.

Maleficent ** (PG) 12:40, 3, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20.

X-Men: Days of Future Past *** (PG-**13)** 1, 4, 7, 10.

BELLMORE

BELLMORE MOVIES — (516) 783-7200 Chef **½ (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30.

JJ BELLMORE PLAYHOUSE — (516) 783-5440

Jersey Boys **½ (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:45. Think Like A Man Too ** (PG-13) 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10. 22 Jump Street ** (R) 1:45, 4:15,

How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG) 1, 2:15, 3:30, 4:45, 6, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30. The Fault in Our Stars ** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:40.

Maleficent ** (PG) 12:45, 3, 5:10,

7:20, 9:40.

FRANKLIN SQUARE

BOW-TIE FRANKLIN SQ. CINEMAS — (516) 775-0063 Think Like A Man Too ** (PG-13) 12,

2:30, 5, 7:30, 10.

22 Jump Street ** (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50. How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG)

11:45, 2:05, 4:30, 7, 9:30. Edge of Tomorrow ** (PG-13) 12:10,

2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 10. The Fault in Our Stars ** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:40.

Maleficent ** (PG) 12:20, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10.

GARDEN CITY

AT THE GARDEN

AMC LOEWS ROOSEVELT FIELD 8 — (888) 262-4386

o — (000) 202-903 The Signal *** (PG-13) 1. Humshakals (U) 2:15, 5:45, 9:15. The Rover **½ (R) 1:30, 4, 6:45. Think Like A Man Too ** (PG-13) 1:45, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:15, 9, 10. How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG)

Edge of Tomorrow ** (PG-13) 4:05, 9:55.

Edge of Tomorrow 3D (3D) ** (PG-13)

Maleficent ** (PG) 2, 7:30.

Maleficent 3D (3D) ** (PG) 4:45, 10.

X-Men: Days of Future Past *** (PG-13) 1:05, 6:55. X-Men: Days of Future Past in 3D

(3D) *** (PG-13) 4, 9:45. Anchorman 2: Supersized (R) 9:30. GLEN COVE

JJ GLEN COVE CINEMA — (516) 671-6668

Jersey Boys ***/₂ (R) 1, 2:30, 4, 5:30, 7, 8:30, 9:45.

Think Like A Man Too ** (PG-13) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45. 22 Jump Street ** (R) 1:30, 4:30,

7:30, 10. How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:10.

How to Train Your Dragon 2 3D *** (PG) 9:30. The Fault in Our Stars ** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50.

GREAT NECK

BOW-TIE SQUIRE CINEMAS — (516) 466-9172 Jersey Boys **1/2 (R) 12:45, 3:45, 22 Jump Street ** (R) 12, 2:30, 5,

How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30. Edge of Tomorrow ** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50.

The Fault in Our Stars ** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 10. Maleficent ** (PG) 11:40, 2:10, 4:40,

X-Men: Davs of Future Past *** (PG-

13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30.

HICKSVILLE

BROADWAY MUITIPLEX CINEMAS

- (800) 315-4000

Jersey Boys (CC) **1/2 (R) 10:40, 1:35, 4:30, 7:30, 10:25. 10, 12:55, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40

Think Like A Man Too ** (PG-13) 11:15, 11:45, 1:45, 2:20, 4:15, 5, 7,

11.13, 1.143, 1.243, 2.20, 4.15, 5, 7, 7.40, 9:35, 10:10.

22 Jump Street ** (R) 10:30, 11, 1:10, 1:40, 4, 4:45, 6:50, 7:20, 9:30, 10.
How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG) 10:50, 11:30, 1:30, 2:05, 4:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45.

How to Train Your Dragon 2 3D (3D)

How to Train Your Dragon 2 50 (30) *** (PG) 6:40, 9:15. Edge of Tomorrow ** (PG-13) 11:20, 1:50, 4:25, 7:15, 9:50. The Fault in Our Stars ** (PG-13) 10:05, 12:50, 3:45, 6:35, 9:25. Maleficent ** (PG) 10:25, 12:35, 2:45, 4:55, 7:06, 0:20. 4:55, 7:05, 9:20.

X-Men: Days of Future Past *** (PG-13) 10:35, 1:25, 4:35, 7:35, 10:30.

LEVITTOWN

AMC LOEWS NASSAU METROPLEX 10 — (516) 731-5422 Jersey Boys (CC) ***/₂ (R) 12:35, 3:40, Think Like A Man Too (CC) ** (PG-13)

1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55.

22 Jump Street (CC) ** (R) 12:45, 2:15, 3:35, 4:30, 6:20, 7:45, 9:15, 10:40. How to Train Your Dragon 2 (CC) ***

10:55.

UA LYNBROOK 6 — (516) 593-1033 **Think Like A Man Too (CC)** ** (**PG-13**) 12:45, 3:20, 6:50, 9:20.

22 Jump Street (CC) ** (R) 1, 3:50, 6:20, 9:10.

o:zu, 9:10. How to Train Your Dragon 2 (CC) *** (PG) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30. How to Train Your Dragon 2 3D (CC) (3D) *** (PG) 1:50, 4:10, 6:30. Edge of Tomorrow (CC) ** (PG-13) 8:50.

The Fault in Our Stars (CC) ** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:30, 6:40, 9:30.

Maleficent ** (PG) 1:40, 7:10, 9:40.

Maleficent 3D (CC) (3D) ** (PG)

MALVERNE

5:45, 7:40, 9:30.

(PG) 1:40, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45. How to Train Your Dragon 2 3D (CC) (3D) *** (PG) 12:25, 3, 5:40, 8:15. Edge of Tomorrow (CC) ** (PG-13)

Edge of Tomorrow 3D (CC) (3D) **
(PG-13) 4:15, 10:25.
The Fault in Our Stars (CC) ** (PG-13)
1:30, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50.
Maleficent (CC) ** (PG) 1:35, 7:20.

Maleficent 3D (CC) (3D) ** (PG) 5:05, 10:20.

5:05, 10:20.
X-Men: Days of Future Past (CC) ***
(PG-13) 4:45, 10:50.
X-Men: Days of Future Past in 3D
(CC) (3D) *** (PG-13) 1:10, 7:15.
Godzilla 3D (CC) (3D) *½ (PG-13)

LYNBROOK

MALVERNE CINEMA 4 — (516) 599-6966

Violette ***½ (U) 1, 4, 7, 9:30.

Obvious Child *½ (R) 1:20, 3:15, 5:45, 7:40, 0:329

Words and Pictures ** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:30, 7, 9:30. **Chef** **% **(R)** 1, 4, 7, 9:30.



Ida **** (PG-13) 1:20, 3:15, 5:45, 7:40, 9:30.

MANHASSET

BOW-TIE MANHASSET CINEMAS - (516) 365-9188

- (316) 305-9188

Violette ***½ (U) 2:30, 5:30, 8:30.

Obvious Child **½ (R) 2, 4:30, 7:30.

Chef **½ (R) 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9.

MERRICK

MERRICK CINEMAS — (516) 623-1177 Jersey Boys **½ (R) 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 6, 7:15, 9:15. 22 Jump Street ** (R) 1:30, 4:15,

7:30, 8:45, 10, How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 10. The Fault in Our Stars ** (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:50.

NEW HYDE PARK

BOW-TIE HERRICKS CINEMA 4 — (516) 747-1789 Jersey Boys **½ (R) 12:30, 3:30,

How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:50. The Fault in Our Stars ** (PG-13) 4:15, 7, 10. **Maleficent** ** **(PG)** 12:20, 2:50, 5:20,

PORT WASHINGTON

FOR: WASHINGTON
BOW-TIE PORT WASHINGTON
CINEMAS — (516) 883-6464

Jersey Boys **/2 (R) 10, 1, 4, 7:10, 10:10. Think Like A Man Too ** (PG-13)

11:10, 1:55, 4:30, 7, 9:40. 22 Jump Street ** (R) 11:20, 2, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20 How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG)

10:30, 1:10, 4:10, 6:55, 9:30. Edge of Tomorrow ** (PG-13) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50. The Fault in Our Stars ** (PG-13) 12,

3, 6, 9. **Maleficent** ** **(PG)** 11, 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10. SOUNDVIEW CINEMAS —

(516) 944-3900 Jersey Boys **1/2 (R) 12, 2:45, 5:30,

How to Train Your Dragon 2 *** (PG) 12, 2:10, 3:10, 4:20, 6:30, 7:30, 8:40. How to Train Your Dragon 2 3D ***

(PG) 1, 5:20. Edge of Tomorrow ** (PG-13) 12,

The Fault in Our Stars ** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:25, 6, 8:35.

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