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5th Annual Love Rocks NYC

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NYC’s historic Beacon Theatre was once again rockin’ last night when the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation presented the fifth annual LOVE ROCKS NYC benefit concert for God’s Love We Deliver as a livestream event courtesy of streaming platform Fans.Live. Executive produced by iconic international fashion designer John Varvatos and prominent benefit concert producers Greg Williamson and Nicole Rechter, the concert was hosted by Jeff Garlin, Michael Imperioli and Bernie Williams, with surprise host Bill Murray and special guest Tina Fey, and celebrated the work of God’s Love We Deliver. The special livestream event also paid tribute to the NYC frontline workers who have played a critical role in supporting the city during the pandemic.

Since launching in 2017, the annual Love Rocks NYC concerts have brought together an astonishing lineup of musical talent and have helped raise more than $13 million dollars to date, including more than $3 million raised last night, and have helped to fund more than 1.3 million meals to New Yorkers in need. The benefit concert highlights the charity’s continued work providing life-sustaining meals and nutrition counseling for people in the New York metropolitan area living with severe illness.

With Music Director and Band Leader Will Lee at the helm, the benefit concert livestream treated fans to spectacular performances by Sara Bareilles, Jon Bon Jovi, Joe Bonamassa, Gary Clark Jr., Billy F Gibbons, Warren Haynes, Aylon Jones, Emily King, Ledisi, Pedrito Martinez, Tash Neal, Fantastic Negrito, Ivan Neville, Grace Potter, Robert Randolph, Nathaniel Rateliff, Jimmy Vivino and Yola.

The memorable four hour plus evening of live music featured an incredible array of stirring performances. Standout moments included Bill Murray, introducing the “young man from across the river” Jon Bon Jovi, who gave a moving performance of his song “American Reckoning” and then brought the crowd to their feet to sing along to his iconic hit “You Give Love Bad Name.” Special guest Tina Fey introduced Sara Bareilles, who dedicated a moving performance of her hit song “Brave” to NYC frontline workers who were attending as special guests. Yola’s outstanding and soulful performance of her hit song “Hold On” brought the house down, followed by her first-ever live performance of her new single “Stand for Myself,” the title track of her forthcoming album. Yola and Sara Bareilles joined forces later in the night for a powerful performance of “Goodbye Yellow Brick Road.”

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Sensational guitar riffs—“guitarmageddon” as coined by host Jeff Garlin— took center stage throughout the evening, with riveting performances by Warren Haynes, Billy Gibbons, Bernie Williams, Robert Randolph, Ayron Jones, and Joe Bonamassa.  


One of the most inspiring moments of the night came when God’s Love We Deliver President & CEO Karen Pearl took the stage to honor frontline workers, recognize and give thanks to God’s Love We Deliver staff, volunteers and supporters who were all integral during the pandemic, and to pay tribute to Ganga Stone, the organization’s co-founder who passed away on June 2.

Rounding out the night of music was the stellar house band which included Steve Gadd (James Taylor, Eric Clapton), Shawn Pelton (Saturday Night Live), Eric Krasno (Soulive, Phil Lesh & Friends), Larry Campbell (Levon Helm, Bob Dylan), Jeff Young (Jackson Browne, Sting, Donald Fagen) and Ricky Peterson (Fleetwood Mac, David Sanborn, Prince, George Benson). Ken Dashow of Q104.3 served as the evening’s “voice of god.”

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With Music Director and Band Leader Will Lee at the helm, the audience was treated to spectacular performances by Dave Matthews, Chris & Rich Robinson of The Black Crowes, Jackson Browne, Cyndi Lauper, Leon Bridges, Warren Haynes, Joss Stone, Pedrito Martinez, Jimmy Vivino, Marcus King, The War & Treaty and a...
The sold-out show featured outstanding performances by Robert Plant, Ann and Nancy Wilson of Heart, Sheryl Crow, Hozier, Buddy Guy, Billy F Gibbons, Grace Potter, Keb’ Mo’, Taj Mahal, Lukas Nelson, Bernie Williams, Marcus King, Alice Smith and other special guests.
The Beacon Theatre rocked on March 15, 2018 when more than 25 rock, soul and blues stars came together to play LOVE ROCKS NYC!, benefiting God's Love. Thank you to everyone who made this such a magical night! Co-presented by John Varvatos and Greg Williamson, the sold-out show featured Whoopi Goldberg, Bill Mu...

1st Annual Love Rocks NYC!

The Beacon Theatre rocked on Thursday, March 9, when over 25 rock, soul and blues stars came together to play LOVE ROCKS NYC!, the first annual benefit concert God's Love We Deliver. Co-presented by designer John Varvatos and God's Love supporter Greg Williamson, the sold-out show featured Bill Mu...