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Madison Square Garden Announces Billy Joel to Hold Both of the Venue's Concert Performance Records

Legendary Artist Continues to Break the MSG Record for the "Longest Run of Any Artist" and on July 1, Joel Will Break the Record for "Most Number of Performances by Any Artist" in the History of Madison Square Garden

NEW YORK, June 29, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Music icon and Madison Square Garden franchise Billy Joel will be the first artist ever to simultaneously hold both of The Garden's concert-related performance records. Joel continues to break his own record for the "Longest Run of Any Artist" at The World's Most Famous Arena throughout his residency, and in July, he will break Madison Square Garden's record for the "Most Number of Performances By Any Artist" with his 65th show at the venue. The record is currently held by Elton John.

In December 2013, Billy Joel became Madison Square Garden's first-ever music franchise of The World's Most Famous Arena, joining the ranks of The Garden's other original franchises - the New York Knicks, Rangers and Liberty. Since January 2014, Joel has played one show per month at The Garden as part of the Time Warner Cable Concert Series. This hugely successful residency has led to 24 sold out shows through December 2015.

Coming off the success of last summer's "Music Saturdays with Billy Joel," the fan-favorite returns to MSG Network with a summer-long event featuring unforgettable concert specials from the legendary artist on Saturdays at 10:00 p.m. Now through September 5, fans will get to re-live some of Joel's most iconic performances including "Billy Joel: Live at Shea" and "Billy Joel: Live from Long Island." MSG now offers a rich visual history of Billy Joel and his many Garden performances through a scrollable timeline, featuring archival images, video insights from Billy, sharable images and lyrics, plus direct links for ticketing. Visit billyjoelmsg.com for more information. Join the conversation with #BillyJoelMSG.



Having sold 150 million records over the past quarter century, Billy Joel ranks as one of most popular recording artists and respected entertainers in history. The singer/songwriter/composer is the sixth best-selling recording artist of all time, the third best-selling solo artist and one of the highest grossing touring artists in the world. In November 2014, Billy Joel received both The Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song, which honors living musical artists' lifetime achievement in promoting the genre of song as a vehicle of cultural understanding; entertaining and informing audiences and inspiring new generations, and the once-in-a-century ASCAP Centennial Award, which is presented to American music icons in recognition of their incomparable accomplishments in their respective music genres and beyond. In December 2013, Joel received The Kennedy Center Honors, one of the United States' top cultural awards. He is also the recipient of six GRAMMY® Awards, including the prestigious Grammy Legend Award. Joel has been inducted into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and has received numerous industry awards. "Movin' Out," a Broadway musical based on Joel's music, choreographed and directed by Twyla Tharp, took home two Tony Awards, including Best Orchestrations - Joel's first Tony Award win - and Best Choreography. For his accomplishments as a musician and as a humanitarian, Joel was honored as the 2002 MusiCares Person of The Year by the MusiCares Foundation and the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences. Joel has also performed alongside other music greats at two of Madison Square Garden's most extraordinary benefit concerts - "12-12-12, The Concert For Sandy Relief," which raised awareness and money for those affected by Hurricane Sandy and "The Concert for New York City," which was held to help aid 9/11 victims and heroes. Billy Joel received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles, adding another milestone to his extraordinary career.

About The Madison Square Garden Company:

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production and content development for multiple distribution platforms, including content originating from the Company's venues. MSG Media's television networks consist of regional sports networks, MSG Network and MSG+, collectively referred to as MSG Networks. MSG Entertainment is one of the country's leaders in live entertainment. MSG Entertainment creates, produces and/or presents a variety of live productions, including the Radio City Christmas Spectacular and the New York Spring Spectacular, both featuring the Rockettes. MSG Entertainment also presents or hosts other live entertainment events such as concerts, family shows and special events in the Company's diverse collection of venues. These venues consist of Madison Square Garden, The Theater at Madison Square Garden, Radio City Music Hall, the Beacon Theatre, the Forum in Inglewood, CA, The Chicago Theatre, and the Wang Theatre in Boston, MA. More information is available at www.themadisonsquaregardencompany.com.

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