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Benefit Concert

The Lowdown

Homeward Bound is the brainchild of manager to the stars and concert producer extraordinaire Jonathan Shank. "I've been aspiring for a long time to help the homeless community and this seems like a great way to bring the arts community and music industry together for a good cause."

Together with his company, Red Light Management, and Live Nation, they hosted the first-ever Homeward Bound Concert at The Wiltern in Los Angeles, California. The benefit concert aims to raise awareness and much-needed funding to help end the homeless epidemic sweeping Los Angeles and the rest of the country as more people struggle to make ends meet.

ALL proceeds from the concert go to the non-profit organization, PATH (People Assisting The Homeless). "What PATH does is we work to end homelessness for individuals, families and communities across the state of California. We do that by helping people move off the street and out of the shelter systems and into their own permanent homes. In the last five years, we've done that for about 9,000 folks - we're currently serving about 20% of the homeless population in the state of California," a PATH representative at the concert explains.

**POPSTAR!
takes you
behind the
velvet ropes
at the
first-ever
Homeward
Bound
Concert**

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usic's finest came together for a one-night only musical extravaganza in support of a good cause: To help end homelessness. Jason Mraz, Robby Krieger and John Densmore of The Doors, Fitz & The Tantrums, Ingrid Michaelson, *American Idol* alums Maddie Poppe, Phillip Phillipps, Scarypoolparty and more opened their hearts and shared their talents for an unforgettable evening of music at the inaugural Homeward Bound Benefit Concert.

And POPSTAR! got a front-row seat to all the action.





A Star-Studded Affair

"Everybody's been so gracious and generous with their time and resources and I'm just grateful to all the artists that are here performing tonight, and it couldn't happen without an amazing army of people lifting up this cause and this show."

— Jonathan Shank



Fans enjoyed over three hours of stellar musical performances, with Voice Of Our City Choir kicking things off with their rendition of "Homeward Bound" & "Love Train." Eurythmic's Dave Stewart, who teamed up with his daughter, budding popstar Kaya Stewart, and his son, Lo Moon's Sam Stewart, performed "Fast Car" and "Sweet Dreams." Fitz & The Tantrums came next, getting everyone up on their feet and singing along as they led the audience through their hits like "The Walker," "Clap Your Hands," and "Out of My League."

Maddie Poppe joined Ingrid Michaelson for a beautiful rendition of "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" as well as some of Ingrid's hits. Alejandro Aranda a.k.a. Scarypoolparty showed off both his guitar and piano chops in an intimate set which included "Out Loud," "Millennial Love," and "Cholo Love." Phillip Phillips played a fun, acoustic set and let fans know how life is now that he's a new dad.

Fans also witnessed significant moments onstage, like The Doors' John Densmore and Robby Krieger reuniting for their first performance together in 20 years! The rock legends jammed with other accomplished artists like Nirvana's Krist Noveselic, Willie Nelson's youngest son Micah Nelson, Hayley Richards, and many more for a tight 20-minute set. And the lucky concert attendees got first-listen to Jason Mraz's never-before-heard songs from his upcoming reggae album. The epic concert ended on a high note, with Jason joining Robby and the ensemble for an encore of the classic, "Homeward Bound."

Even fans got the full-on star-treatment from the get-go. Entering the iconic theater lobby, many struck a pose at The Wiltern steps for a fab photo op. Some were also able to get their hands on signed guitars and albums, hard-to-get tickets, meet-and-greets, and other exclusive items that were up for bidding at the silent auction.

It was only Homeward Bound's first-ever concert, but the star-studded event was SOLD OUT! And Jonathan shares his optimism at the turn out. "Hopefully this will become a sustainable annual event that we can continue to raise funds for the homeless community year after year."



Stars Give Back

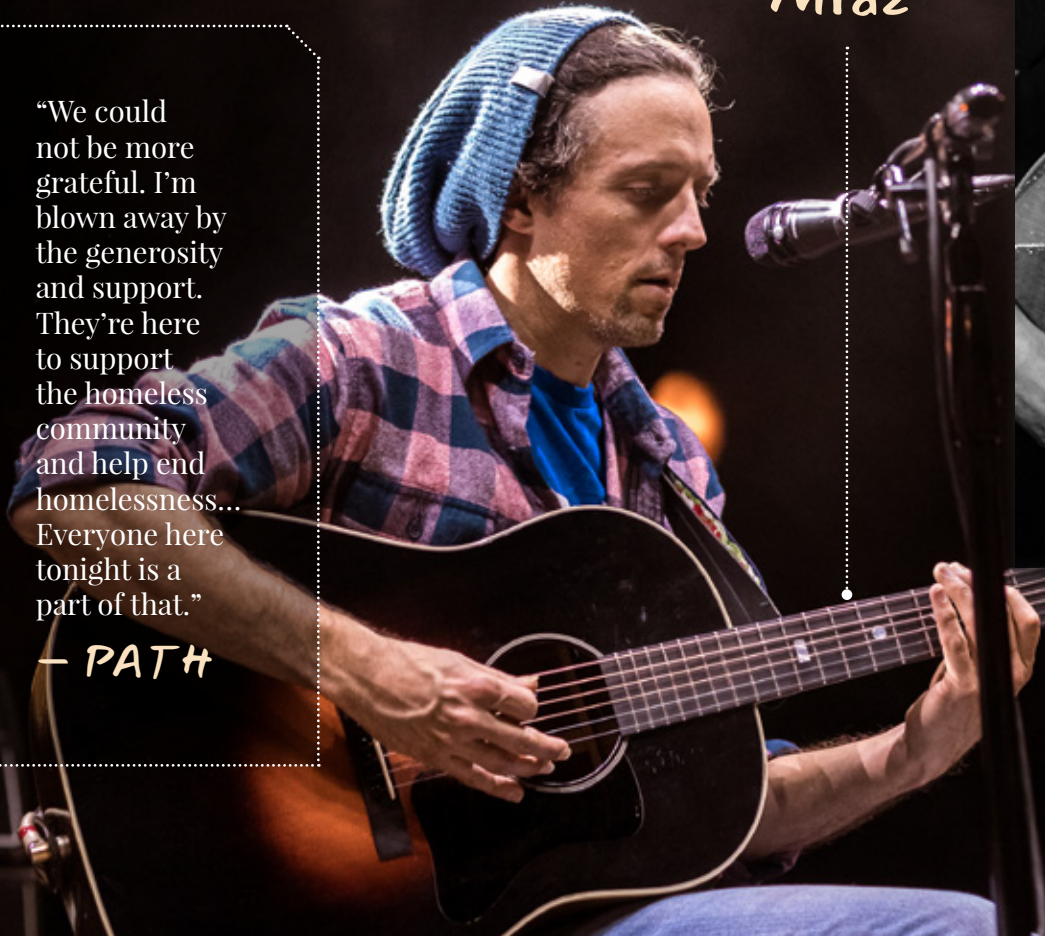
Celebrities open up to POPSTAR! on the importance of helping the homeless community.

"There's a lot of people living on the street. There's a lot of people who are left out of the current system...and, tonight, we're playing for those who lost a lot. And hopefully, we can help them find a path to sustainable housing [and] freedom from the streets."

-Jason Mraz

"We could not be more grateful. I'm blown away by the generosity and support. They're here to support the homeless community and help end homelessness... Everyone here tonight is a part of that."

- PATH



POPSTAR! Exclusive Music Updates



Jason Mraz

On new music and his upcoming reggae album

"There'll be some early previews in April for new music...Hopefully a release in April. More to come right after that...I wanna breathe life into positive ways of being, positive ways to interact with the world and each other, so this album is really about that. It's about how we can look for the good in a time when a lot of the darkness and toxicity is being highlighted - how we can perhaps heal that."



Maddie Poppe

Advice to aspiring artists

"Just be yourself and keep trying 'cause you never know how close you are to hearing 'yes'...I think it's just a matter of people's opinion. It doesn't mean that you're bad just because you hear 'no!'"

POPSTAR! caught up with the stars at the Homeward Bound Concert - and they're spilling the tea on the exciting things they've got going on.

"Anything that supports a good cause...that represents love and doing a good movement... I'm okay at music so if that's a way I can help contribute, that's what I'm gonna try and do tonight."

-Phillip Phillips

"I'm very involved with homeless youth here in Los Angeles - I make music with them, 'cause I think they should be allowed to express themselves in whatever way they want to... [So] I was like, 'yeah, absolutely, I would love to do anything to raise money to help people.'"

- Morgxn



"I always think it's really important to use our platform for something that's such a great cause...Not too many opportunities like this arise...when [Jonathan] asked me to be part of it, of course, I wanted to be."

-Maddie Poppe

YOU CAN, TOO!

Inspired to do your part to help get people off the streets? Jonathan shares some tips on how you can give back:

"Any type of volunteering downtown or in any of our local communities from the west side all the way to the valley and downtown. There are plenty of ways, not only to contribute to PATH, or to volunteer."

For more information, visit www.homewardboundconcert.com www.epath.org



Phillip Phillips

Juggling being a new dad and touring

"It's kinda tough. I'm on tour right now, just doing a small run and an acoustic tour...At least I get to go home...'cause sometimes we'll do three or four-month runs. It's kinda nice to have a short run and kinda see how it goes. It's kinda been rough, but Facetime is amazing, so it's good."



Morgxn
Working with homeless youth

"Most recently, I went into the Covenant House here in L.A. and I wrote and recorded a song with the youth and then I brought my producer friend in, he produced the song out. We were able to give them the finished product after...That song is already out...[it's] called 'Stepping Stone' 'cause they were talking about how that organization for them is a stepping stone for them to get back on their feet and to get out in the world, which is incredible."