

# BILLY JOEL: THE STRANGER LIVE

In honor of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hicksville, New York native's breakthrough album *The Stranger*, WLIW New York presents the U.S. broadcast premiere of Billy Joel's 1978 British concert debut, a live television performance on *The Old Grey Whistle Test*. During the appearance, the legendary singer/songwriter played a set of now-classic hits, including "Only the Good Die Young," "Movin' Out," "She's Always a Woman" and "Just the Way You Are," which earned 1978 Grammy Awards for Record of the Year and Song of the Year. Joel and his band also performed "New York State of Mind" and "Miami 2017 (Seen the Lights Go Out on Broadway)" off 1976's *Turnstiles* as well as *Piano Man* stomper "Ain't No Crime." Now, 30 years later, the one-time UK broadcast finally premieres stateside, with its first U.S. broadcast in the Piano Man's hometown, Wednesday, July 23 at 9 pm on WLIW21 New York Public Television. **BILLY JOEL: THE STRANGER LIVE premieres nationwide August 2008 on public television** (check local listings). The program also includes live performances from 1977 of "The Stranger" and "Just the Way You Are."

During the public television broadcasts, viewers nationwide will have the opportunity to support their local station and receive an **EXCLUSIVE BILLY JOEL CD of 10 live performances not available anywhere else** (details TBA).

## BILLY JOEL: THE STRANGER LIVE Song List

**Live Performance filmed March 14, 1978, *The Old Grey Whistle Test*, BBC Television Theatre, Shepherd's Bush, London, UK**

"Miami 2017 (Seen the Lights Go Out on Broadway)"

"Movin' Out (Anthony's Song)"

"New York State of Mind"

"The Entertainer"

"She's Always a Woman"

"Root Beer Rag"

"Just the Way You Are"

"Ain't No Crime"

"Souvenir"

"Only the Good Die Young"

**1977 Live performances**

"The Stranger"

"Just the Way You Are"

Band Members: Liberty DeVitto (drums), Doug Stegmeyer (bass), Richie Cannata (saxophone/organ), Russell Javors (guitar)

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