

Jackson Browne

May 25, 2011 Clearwater. Eighteen shiny acoustic guitars, each in different tune, sat in the middle of an oriental rug. In front of them was a simple wooden chair, and to the right, a keyboard. Overhead, three simple white lights shown down upon the stage. As Jackson Browne casually walked out to greet the intimate audience of about 2,200 at the sold-out Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, FL, it felt as cozy as hanging out on the couch at a dear old friend's house.

Jackson, age 62, whose first album was released back in 1972, and included hits such as "Doctor My Eyes" and "Rock Me on the Water," put on an enchanting show. Inducted into the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame in 2004, the truly gifted singer/song-writer is a fine example of how music only gets better with age.

Dressed in a black long sleeve shirt and jeans, he started out strong with "Barricades of Heaven" followed by a few seldom-played tunes upon request, including the charming "I'll Do Anything." Browne wasn't short on jokes, as he jumped from song to song, giving the audience plenty of say in what would be played next, he said, "...the lyrics, you know...you may be called upon to help me with the lyrics..."


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