

Indigo Girls play a spirited show at Township

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Concert Review
BEN MULDRON Special To The Gamecock
INDIGO GIRLS Township Auditorium
0000 (out of five stars)

The Indigo Girls rocked the Township Auditorium Sunday with their "Honor the Earth 1997 Tour."

Amy Ray and Emily Salliers, the lead singers of the Indigo Girls, have been gaining popularity through the art of folk music and helping social issues.

The Indigo Girls brought in a packed house to the Township, performing for more than an hour with a break to collect political action cards from the audience.

The east coast "Honor the Earth 1997 Tour" will raise funds and awareness in opposition to nuclear waste on native lands. The tour started in the St. Regis Mohawk community of New York and stopped at several Native American Reservations and Tribal lands.

The "1995 Honor the Earth Tour" raised more than \$300,000 for 41 different environmental agencies and organizations and is the largest single fundraising effort in the history of native awareness.

A Native-American group called Unali performed as an opening act and blended traditional native music with contemporary gospel. Unali performed for about 30 minutes and then accompanied the main act on several songs.

The Indigo Girls came on stage around 8:30 p.m. and sang until about 10:45 p.m.

The first set was plagued by technical failure and sound distortion, but after initial problems, the audience was greeted with a flawless performance.

The Indigo Girls played many of the songs from their latest CD, *Shaming of the Sun*, which debuted in April of this year.

This 12-track CD provided such hits as "Shame on You" and "Get Out the Map," both of which were played at the concert.

The Indigo Girls also played some of their classic hits, such as "Galileo," "Chickenman" and "Joking," all of which came from the *Rites of Passage* album, which was released in May 1992.

They took a break in the middle of the show and brought out their friend, Danielle Howle, who sang two songs from her new CD, which will be released soon.

The greatest complaint that I heard at the concert was that the Indigo Girls did not play enough.

I can agree with that argument, but what they played was outstanding. The power and feeling of these artists could be felt by the audience.

I have to admit that I was not sure about how much I would enjoy the show, but once I heard the sound and felt the atmosphere that they produce, I knew I was bound to have a good experience.

Whether a hardcore fan or first-time listener, I feel I got my \$28.50 out of this night of musical entertainment and cultural awareness.

Indigo Girls Fact Sheet

- They got their start in Atlanta with the release of *Strange Fire* on their own record label in 1987.
- Their debut album won a Grammy for Best Contemporary Folk Album.
- Member Amy Ray's record label, Daemon Records, released Danielle Howle's album *About To Burst*.

(L-R): Emily Salliers and Amy Ray of the Indigo Girls. Their newest album, *Shaming of the Sun*, was released on Epic records.



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