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Boz Scaggs show spans career, ages at New Orleans Jazz Fest

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Boz Scaggs in Blues Tent, New Orleans Jazz Fest
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Boz Scaggs play Lido in the Blues Tent during the second day of the New Orleans Jazz Fest at the Fair Grounds Saturday, April 23, 2016.

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Like a good tent revival preacher, Boz Scaggs knows how to put on a good show, giving people what they want and even a little more.

During his appearance at the Blues Tent Saturday evening (April 23) at the New Orleans Jazz Fest, Scaggs performed 14 songs from a set list that included hits from his platinum-selling

"Silk Degrees" to the crowd favorite, "Loan Me a Dime," a blues standard remembered for his musical collaboration with Duane Allman.

The Blues Tent was packed, with overflow on the sides and back, attesting to Scaggs' devoted fan base. And despite its proximity to the Acura Stage where Pearl Jam performed, there was little sound bleed, allowing Scaggs and his band - Mike Miller (guitar), Gene Lake (drums), Richard Patterson (bass), Mike Logan (keyboard), Mike Logan Jr. (percussion), Eric Crystal (saxophone and keyboard) and Ms. Mone't (vocalist) - to create a setting much like a concert in a small club despite the frenetic scene outside on the festival grounds.

The songs Scaggs chose to perform at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival presented by Shell spanned his career, but all were firmly rooted in blues, jazz, and rhythm and blues traditions. The crowd, at first, sat respectfully for the first few songs, but when Ms. Mone't came onstage to sing "Until You Come Back to Me," those who were sitting, gave her a standing ovation at the end of an extended version of the song. After that, the show caught fire, with the crowd either singing along -- "Look What

"You've Done to Me" from the movie "Urban Cowboy" -- to dancing in the aisles for "Lowdown" and "Lido Shuffle" (both from his "Silk Degrees" album) despite the best efforts of security. (Scaggs was generous, giving his fellow musicians solos and shout-outs throughout the performance.)

The band tried to conclude with the "Lido Shuffle," but the crowd cheered them on to an encore of three songs - "What Can I Say," "Loan Me a Dime" and "Sick & Tired" - with "Loan Me a Dime," written by Fenton Robinson, inspiring audience members to rush to the front of the stage with Mike Miller's guitar solo a high point.

Set list for Boz Scaggs Jazz Fest 2016

Runnin Blues

Mixed Up Shook Up Girl

Jojo

Some Change

Drowning in the Sea of Love

Rich Woman

Georgia

Until You Come Back to Me

Look What You've Done

Lowdown

Lido Shuffle

What Can I Say

Loan Me a Dime

Sick & Tired

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