

## Corey's Top Ten 2021 Concerts

The advent of vaccines created a modest return of sorts involving concerts so I certainly got to see a more than few worthy shows. Interestingly several of the amphitheater shows I expected to enjoy last summer got put off another year so hopefully readers might find those (Rod Stewart/Cheap Trick, Steely Dan/ Steve Winwood, Doobie Bros. 50th) of interest in next's concert commentary.

1) John Fogerty always delivers and increasingly his shows become a family affair with son Tyler joining son Shane on much of the 'program.' When a band I really like opens its sets with my fave song in its repertoire its almost like it could do no wrong the remainder of the show. Fogerty opened his show at the Premier Theatre at Foxwoods with Up Around the Bend, not just my fave tune by Creedence Clearwater Revival but often my all-time fave tune. So many classic tunes; always tightly played. My wife and daughter joined me. [View](#) the setlist. Date: November 13.

2) The Eagles. Such an amazing show. Marisa and I took in The Eagles Hotel California Tour in February 2020; she prevailed on me to take it in once more. Madison Square Garden is a fine venue. The Eagles have definitely evolved from the band inspired by Poco and including successively that band's first two bass players; thus Timothy B. Schmit singing Love Will Keep You Alive and I Can't Tell You Why were personal highlights. Joe Walsh shined especially on two of his James Gang Classics, Walk Away and Fund #49. [View](#) the rest of the setlist. Date: August 21.

3) Hall & Oates/ Squeeze. I We took in this show to see the opening act but Hall & Oates also delivered on their hits. A great show that I was looking forward to seeing for more than a year. Squeeze played a sample of his amazing repertoire closing with Black Coffee in Bed, of this commentator's all-time faves. I covered the show in a [Gotham blog](#) that includes the setlist. Date: August 11. Venue: Jones Beach.

4) Chicago was Shelly's fave band from her teen years. She took me to see them for my birthday. A wonderful performance. View the setlist [here](#). The band plays tight. Highlights for me Questions 67 & 68, Make Me Smile, Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is, Beginnings and 25 or 6 to 4. Date: October 9. Venue: Tilles Center.

5) Dead & Company featuring the Dead's Bob Weir (guitar/vocals), Bill Kreutzmann (drums), and Mickey Hart (drums) with John Mayer (guitar/vocals), former Allman Brothers' Oteil Burbridge (bass/vocals), and Jeff Chimenti (keys/vocals) played a nice set covering several "eras" of the Grateful Dead. As I Gotham blogged, "When a band performs none of your most fave tunes and you come away satisfied it speaks well of the show. That was certainly the case Friday eve. No "Playing in the Band," no "Truckin'," no "Sugar Magnolia," no "Dire Wolf." The playing and jamming was sharp and precise and the songs fresh. Setlist found [here](#). Date: August 20. Venue Citi Field.

6) I've seen Todd Rundgren a few times but this was first show I saw him headline. What an experience. [Check out](#) the setlist. He played his more notable tunes, including Hello Its Me, I Saw The Light, Can We Still Be Friends and Real Man. Date: October 14. Venue: The Paramount.

7) James Taylor & Jackson Browne. Two great singer songwriters. A great example of two show for the price of one. Jackson opened and was the primary reason for me to attend but James played and sang one amazing set including County Road, Fire and Rain and the title tune from Sweet Baby James.

James Taylor sat in on Running on Empty and Jackson came out during James' encore set to sing Take It Easy. Entire set list viewable [here](#). Date: August 27. Venue: Jones Beach.

8) Jim Messina holds a special place for this commentator. Member of Buffalo Springfield on its Last Time Around LP and co-founder with Richie Furay of Poco. And of course his work with Kenny Loggins. All showcased when Marisa joined her dad an Autumn eve in Port Washington on November 11. Highlights included his Poco classic, You Better Think Twice, Follow Your Dreams from the Legacy reunion band of the original members of that band, Angry Eyes and Changes. [View](#) the entire setlist. Venue: Jean Rimsky Theater.

9) To watch Hot Tuna play and see the joy shared by bassist Jack Cassidy and guitarist/vocalist Jorma Kaukonen just adds to the joy of the music. Because it was a live stream, I got to view it a second time. Date: December 4. Venue: The Capitol Theater.

10) An all-star concert that would include many but not all performances on a 9/11 Tunnel to Tower benefit television show, we decided to attend because John Fogerty participated. It also featured Jesse Colin Young, Ann Wilson (of Heart), The Steve Miller Band, Journey, The Chainsmokers, Lee Brice, Wyclef Jean, Gavin DeGraw, Wé McDonald, Flo Rida, Danny Rodriguez, and Jax. Despite the horrible weather we persevered to catch wonderful performances. Find the full range of songs [here](#). Date: August 20. Venue: Jones Beach.

Honorable mention to the musicals Hamilton and Aint Too Proud.