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The Proud family is making a comeback. The Disney Plus streaming service said Thursday it's ordered a revival of the animated series about an African American teenager and her extended family. The new series, "The Proud Family: Louder and Prouder," will feature original cast members including Kyla Pratt as Penny Proud and Tommy Davidson and Paula Jai Parker as her parents, Oscar and Trudy.

— The Associated Press

**Backstage Pass**

INSIGHTS ON STAGE, SCREEN AND BEYOND

**Billy Joel Band  
Members  
Perform at  
Savannah Center**

By KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Senior Writer

There was no holding back on the Savannah Center stage Thursday night. Hearty instrumentals reverberated around the room and through the ears of Billy Joel fans during The Lords of 52nd Street's dynamic concert.

The Lords of 52nd Street, which includes original Billy Joel band members Liberty DeVitto, Richie Cannata and Russell Javors performed at Savannah Center last February and were excited to return for more shows Thursday. "This place has got an awesome reputation," Cannata said. "We looked forward to coming back all year." The group opened the show with "Stiletto" and went on to perform other titles like "My Life," "Say Goodbye to

Hollywood," "Summer, Highland Falls" and more. "We are not a tribute band," Cannata said after the first few songs. "We are the real guys. We have the scars and the ex-wives to prove it. We were the ones on the records." The instrumental build up of "Prelude/Angry Young Man" showcased DeVitto's superb drumming skills while "New York State of Mind" won Cannata a standing ovation after he played an extended and impressive saxophone solo.



Ron Johnson | Daily Sun

Richie Cannata, of the Lords of 52nd Street, plays tenor sax with fellow members of the original Billy Joel band.

"We have a great relationship with Billy and he loves that we're out here performing this music like we did in the '70s," Cannata said.

And the group definitely gave an authentic performance, recreating the familiar piano riffs, saxophone melodies and beats.

Dave and Barb Savage, of the Village of Gilchrist, enjoy Joel's music for its good storytelling and were excited to see the show.

"We heard about it from a friend, who said it was a fantastic show," Dave said.

Luann Ireland, from Clearville, Pennsylvania, was visiting her sister Valerie

Turner, of the Village of Ashland, and the two thought the show would be a fun thing to do during the visit.

When asked what she likes about Joel's music, Ireland's answer was simple.

"Oh, everything," she said. "He's a classic."

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