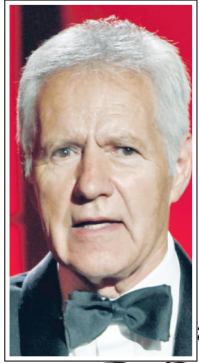


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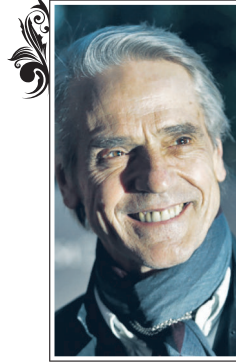
JUSTIN BIEBER

The pop star said Wednesday that he has been battling Lyme disease. "It's been a rough couple years but (I'm) getting the right treatment that will help treat this so far incurable disease and I will be back and better than ever."



ALEX TREBEK

The brief farewell that the "Jeopardy!" host says will close his final episode isn't on the horizon. While treatment for pancreatic cancer is taking a toll, Trebek said he's not ready to retire, although he's mulled it in recent years.



JEREMY IRONS

The British actor will head the jury at the Berlin International Film Festival next month. Irons will be jury president at the festival's 70th edition, running from Feb. 20 to March 1. Other members of the jury haven't yet been named.

NEW YORK

John Legend, H.E.R. To Perform at Prince Tribute Concert

John Legend, Foo Fighters, Alicia Keys, Chris Martin, H.E.R. and Earth, Wind & Fire are set to perform at a Prince tribute concert this month. The Recording Academy announced Thursday that "Let's Go Crazy: The GRAMMY Salute to Prince" will tape at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Jan. 28. The show will air on CBS later in the year. Prince, a seven-time Grammy winner, died in April 2016. — *The Associated Press*

Absolute Queen Makes For Good Company

By KRISTEN FIORE
Daily Sun Senior Writer

Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now" is definitely a mood booster any time, but there's something even more special about hearing it live.

A sold-out crowd jammed to that Queen hit and many others during Absolute Queen, a high-energy tribute concert that rocked Savannah Center on Thursday night.

Band members did not try to impersonate Queen, but they did take on some of the members' styles — guitarist Brian May's signature curly locks and Freddie Mercury's stick microphone, for example.

Absolute Queen's lead singer, Martyn Jenkins, is a good performer with a lot of energy. You'd have to be, in his position.

While there will never be a performer with the amount of



Martyn Jenkins performs as Freddie Mercury during Absolute Queen's show Thursday at Savannah Center.

onstage charisma and vocal range of Mercury, Jenkins came close.

Jenkins has quite a bit of knowledge about Queen, which he shared in interesting tidbits during the show.

As he performed hits like "We Will Rock You," "I Want it All," "Under Pressure," "You're My Best Friend," and many more, he encouraged the audience to "go nuts, stick your hands in the air and celebrate the music of Queen," and they definitely obliged.

Carol and Al Chevalier, of the

Village of Glenbrook, came to the show because they are fans of Queen.

"Long before the movie," Al said.

There were many mentions of the 2018 biopic "Bohemian Rhapsody" during the show as the group recreated some of the songs that were featured in the movie.

The band had six members as opposed to Queen's four.

"We try to do it like the albums, and for that you need more players than four," Jenkins explained. "You



Eddie Biss plays a guitar solo as legendary rocker Brian May.

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need bloody 12 to be honest with you."

Either way, the instrumentals were excellent, and the energy was contagious.

"We love listening to Queen music," said Mary Rafferty, of the Village of Caroline. "We saw 'Bohemian Rhapsody,' which was a good movie, and we listened to them when we were young ... (The music) is just great. It gets you excited."

Absolute Queen will return to Savannah Center for more shows at 5 and 8 p.m. April 17. Tickets, which are extremely limited, but available, range from \$25 to \$44 and can be purchased online at thevillageentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location.



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