

<u>Usher</u>

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Wednesday, April 27. Usher rocked the Bank Atlantic stage last night in Ft. Lauderdale, proving to his fans that the 32 year-old R&B star is better than ever. The superstar said on stage how honored he was that his fans stretched from ages four to forty and he was right. Teenage girls and mothers alike were screaming out "OMG."

The show was nothing less than a spectacle. Usher flew across the crowd on a suspended platform to start his set and dropped into the stage to end it. There were indoor fireworks, blacklights, smoke machines, and a very suggestive set of monkey bars. He crooned the ladies with jams like "There Goes My Baby" and "Trading Places" and tossed at least four torn-off shirts into the crowd.

With as fruitful a career as Usher has had, covering all his hits was a feat, but the singer managed to do it seamlessly. He belted out "You Make Me Wanna.." early on in the show from his 1997 album "My Way" to entertain his longtime fans and stretched all the way to his latest single "More," which was one of the most energetic performance of the night.

Not to forget his idol and inspiration, Usher really got the crowd going with a tribute dance performance to Michael Jackson. He stood center-stage, slipped on sparking black shoes and moon-walked to mix of Jackson's hits.



Most impressive of the night was the dancing. Usher along with his eight back up dancers, never stopped moving for one minute and covered almost every genre of dance. They lit up the stage for "Caught Up," "Yeah!" and "Bad Girl." The more intimate moments between the heartthorb and the audience were a nice balance to the constant energy. His performance of "Burn" brought him over the crowd on a platform as he held the mic out to hear the booming response of lyrics from the audience. He continued to shine with performances of more recent songs like "Little Freak," "Hot Toddy," and "DJ Got Us Falling in Love."

The night came to a close with a much-anticipated performance of the tour's title track "OMG." With red lights, leather outfits, and crazy amounts of confetti the show closed with a bang. This R&B idol may have a long list of musical successes behind him, but the OMG tour is showing that he has the same in front of him. The night was a frenzy of dance breaks and impressive vocals all topped off with the sex appeal and inviting smile that has made Usher so appealing and. With a tip of his hat and a smooth laugh the timeless star said goodnight and thank you, once again.

Usher will continue his tour with Akon, Dev and the Cataracs at the Amway center in Orlando tonight in and at the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, North Carolina on Friday.

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