



**AGUA CALIENTE**  
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**BILLY JOEL KICKS OFF GRAND OPENING WEEKEND**

**AT THE SHOW AT AGUA CALIENTE CASINO RESORT SPA**

**RANCHO MIRAGE, CA (February 13, 2009)** – Legendary piano man and singer Billy Joel was greeted with thunderous applause Thursday night as he officially opened The Show, the new \$76M concert theatre at Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa in Rancho Mirage, California.

The music industry icon opened the private grand opening event with a heart-pounding performance of “My Life” followed by “The Entertainer” and dozens of other classics and new favorites he’s made famous over the years. More than 2,000 guests were on hand for this exclusive event including actors Annie Wersching and Esai Morales, plus Baseball Hall-of-Famer Johnny Bench, and comedian John Farley.

The Billy Joel concert was the first event in The Show’s triple-play grand opening celebration. Tonight, Matchbox Twenty will take the stage, performing for another sold out crowd. Saturday, Country star Martina McBride will do the same, wrapping up a star-studded weekend of glitz and glamour at this plush new concert theatre located just two hours east of Los Angeles.

The Show is the final phase in the transformation of Agua Caliente Casino into a full-fledged entertainment destination within easy reach of Los Angeles, San Diego, Orange County and Las Vegas. The resort is owned and operated by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and features an award-winning 24/7 casino, 340 luxury hotel rooms, a spa, pool and conference center, located in a beautiful desert setting.

Tribal Chairman Richard M. Milanovich says the grand opening of The Show has forever changed the face of entertainment in Southern California. “We’ve built something truly remarkable with The Show. Not only is this state-of-the-art venue a fantastic tribute to entertainment, it’s a symbol of growth for our Tribe and our community. The caliber of performers we’re putting on the stage and the experience we offer shows we’re serious about entertainment.”

Upcoming performers include: Chicago 2/20 (sold out), Tony Bennett 3/6 (sold out), Melissa Etheridge in her only Southern California appearance 4/2, Trace Adkins 4/3, Jay Leno 6/12, and many more. For a complete list, visit: [HotWaterCasino.com/TheShow](http://HotWaterCasino.com/TheShow).

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Agua Caliente Casino • Resort • Spa in Rancho Mirage, California has been repeatedly voted “Best Casino” in reader’s polls. It’s home to 1,600 slots, a variety of table games and a wildly popular poker room. The casino offers exciting lounge entertainment plus award-winning dining, adjacent to its gorgeous new \$350 million luxury resort hotel. Guests can stay in style in 340 deluxe rooms and suites, enjoy a relaxing spa, pool and cabana complex, as well as a state-of-the-art conference center. The Show, a 2,000-seat concert theatre featuring headliners like Billy Joel, Matchbox Twenty and Tony Bennett, completes this world-class destination. For hotel reservations call: 1.866.923.7244, visit [www.HotWaterCasino.com](http://www.HotWaterCasino.com) or for casino information: 1.888.999.1995.

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