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Two Summer Concerts Just Announced **Joan Osborne: The Songs of Bob Dylan** **and Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals**

TACOMA, WASH. – The Broadway Center just announced two summer concerts: **Joan Osborne: The Songs of Bob Dylan** on June 3 at the Rialto Theater and **Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals** on July 21 at the Pantages Theater. Tickets for both concerts are on sale now for [Broadway Center Members](#) and will be available to the general public on January 3 at 11 a.m.

Joan Osborne is a multi-platinum and seven-time Grammy nominee, emotionally-evocative singer-songwriter, and passionate performer. A few years after launching her own indie record label in 1992 called *Womanly Hips*, **Osborne** released the album *Relish* which became multi-platinum, and included her number one single "One of Us". Having showcased her far-ranging talent over the years, **Osborne** has developed an idea she calls the "Songbook Series" of albums, similar to how Ella Fitzgerald honored the songs of Gershwin, Cole Porter, and others, with more recent artists. Bob Dylan, who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature earlier this year, was the obvious choice and now [Joan Osborne Sings the Songs of Bob Dylan](#) will play Tacoma's Rialto Theater on June 3.

It has been eight years since **Ben Harper** last released an album with the Innocent Criminals – and *Call It What It Is* was worth the wait. A musician, songwriter, guitarist, producer, and activist, Ben Harper has released 14 studio albums and three live albums in his career. Harper has defined himself as a powerful songwriter and performer in a diverse range of genres, and his skill to blend the personal and political into powerful lyrics is not lost in this new record. [Ben Harper & The Innocent Criminals](#) will perform at the Pantages Theater on July 21.

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