

HD Pre-Cancellation Gigs Launch Stones Atop Hot Tours with \$41.6M in Ticket Sales

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While the Rolling Stones' recent shows in Australia and New Zealand in late March/early April [were postponed](#) following the death of Mick Jagger's partner, L'Wren Scott, on March 17, earlier dates for the legendary band, from February to mid-March, launch the [group](#) to the top of the weekly Hot Tours ranking.

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The Stones grab the No. 1 spot with \$41.6 million in ticket sales reported from the first leg of the '14 On Fire tour. Kicking off in the United Arab Emirates on Feb. 21, the tour played to sellout crowds in five markets through mid-March. The inaugural performance was staged at du Arena, an outdoor concert [site](#) located on Yas [Island](#) near Abu Dhabi. Appearing in the UAE for the first time, the legendary rock band played to a crowd topping 30,000 at the open-air venue. Next the tour moved to Japan for a three-show run at Tokyo's 55,000-seat sports venue, the Tokyo Dome. From concerts on Feb. 26, March 4 and 6, ticket sales at the domed baseball stadium topped \$27.9 million, the largest gross reported to Billboard during the first quarter of 2014. The Tokyo engagement marked the Stones' return to Japan for the first time in eight years. The [group](#)'s Bigger Bang tour played stadiums in four cities in the country in 2006, including the same Tokyo venue.

Three more [sold](#) out 14 On Fire performances in Asian cities followed during March beginning with a show at CotaiArena in the [Chinese](#) territory of Macau on March 9. An arena performance on Mainland [China](#) drew a crowd of 10,751 to Shanghai's Mercedes-Benz Arena on March 12, and the trek through Asia wrapped on March 15 in Singapore.

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* [Eminem Marks Sales, Hot 100 Milestones](#)

* [Metallica Releases Demo of New Song, 'Lords of Summer': Listen](#)

The next leg of the Stones' tour will include 13 concerts in 12 European countries as well as a show in Tel Aviv, Israel. The summer jaunt will begin on May 26 in Oslo, Norway and include four festival appearances. The final date will be a performance at the Roskilde Festival in Denmark on July 3.

Eminem and Metallica both land on the Hot Tours recap with multi-million dollar grosses from stadium runs on separate sides of the globe. Eminem takes the No. 2 slot with performances in six cities in New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. The rapper's Rapture tour began in Auckland, New Zealand on Feb. 15 with a capacity crowd at Western Springs Stadium and \$6.8 million in ticket sales. Aussie audiences packed stadiums in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney during the trek that was produced by Melbourne-based concert promoter, Dainty [Group](#). Adding revenue earned from performances in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa, the Rapture tour grossed \$31.9 million from 290,967 [sold](#) tickets at six concerts. This summer, Eminem is set to play a string of co-headlining stadium dates with Rihanna, kicking off on Aug. 7 in Los Angeles.

Metallica scores the No. 3 ranking with \$24.8 million in revenue from a slate of South American performances at stadiums and outdoor concert sites in seven countries. The band's By Request tour kicked off in Bogotá, Colombia on March 16 and continued through the end of March, wrapping with a two-night stand in Buenos Aires on March 29 and 30. The top gross came from a stadium date on March 22 in São Paulo, Brazil. With a crowd of 61,742 in attendance, the Estádio do Morumbi racked up \$5.7 million in sales from a single performance. Prior to the By Request tour, ticket holders for each show were allowed to vote for the songs they wanted to hear in their set, and the band added a new song to accompany the hits chosen by the fans. Metallica will continue the By Request format during this summer's European run that begins in May.

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Rank ACT

Total Gross

Show Dates

Show Venue/City (Shows/Sellouts)

Total Attendance (Capacity)

1 THE ROLLING STONES

\$41,615,401

Feb. 21-March 15

du Arena, Abu Dhabi (1/1)

Tokyo Dome, Tokyo (3/3)

CotaiArena, Cotai, Macau (1/1)

Mercedes-Benz Arena, Shanghai (1/1)

Grand Ballroom at Marina Bay Sands, Singapore (1/1)

204,044 (204,044)

2 EMINEM

\$31,941,412

Feb. 15-March 1

Western Springs Stadium, Auckland, New Zealand (1/1)

Etihad Stadium, Melbourne (1/1)

Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, Australia (1/1)

ANZ Stadium, Sydney (1/1)

Cape Town Stadium, Cape Town (1/0)

Ellis **Park** Stadium, Johannesburg (1/0)

290,967 (296,843)

3 METALLICA

\$24,846,029

March 16-30

Parque Simón Bolívar, Bogotá, Colombia (1/0)

Parque Bicentenario, Quito, Ecuador (1/1)

Estadio Nacional, Lima (1/0)

Estádio do Morumbi, São Paulo, Brazil (1/0)

Jockey Club, Asunción, Paraguay (1/0)

Estadio Monumental, Santiago (1/1)

Estadio Único Ciudad de La Plata, Buenos Aires (2/0)

300,811 (315,875)

4 BEYONCÉ

\$11,385,400

Feb. 28-March 6

O2 Arena, London (6/6)

99,183 (99,183)

5 ST. JEROME'S LANEWAY FESTIVAL

\$7,730,432

Jan. 27-Feb. 8

Silo **Park**, Auckland, New Zealand (1/0)

Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, Australia (1/0)

Footscray Community Arts Centre, Melbourne (1/0)

Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney (1/0)

Harts Mill, Port Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia (1/1)

Esplanade **Park** and West End, Fremantle, Australia (1/0)

64,490 (69,330)

6 LIONEL RICHIE & JOHN FARNHAM

\$7,395,952

March 2-23

Sandalford Winery, Swan Valley, Australia (1/0)

Adelaide Entertainment Centre, Adelaide, Australia (1/0)

Tempus Two Winery, Hunter Valley, Australia (1/0)

Allphones Arena, Sydney (1/1)

TSB Bowl of Brooklands, New Plymouth, New Zealand (1/0)

Vector Arena, Auckland, New Zealand (1/0)

57,527 (59,422)

7 ELTON JOHN

\$5,912,109

Feb. 19-28

HSBC Arena, Rio de Janeiro (1/1)

Goiânia Arena, Goiânia, Brazil (1/0)

Itaipava Arena Fonte Nova, Salvador, Brazil (1/0)

Arena Castelão, Fortaleza, Brazil (1/0)

Altos de Chavón, La Romana, Dominican Republic (1/1)

79,149 (90,324)

8 TAYLOR SWIFT

\$5,829,240

Feb. 1-11

O2 Arena, London (5/5)

74,740 (74,740)

9 DRAKE

\$4,272,630

March 24-26

O2 Arena, London (3/3)

50,832 (50,832)

10 BRUNO MARS

\$3,714,430

March 10-11

Allphones Arena, Sydney (2/2)

32,136 (32,136)

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