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Bellamy Brothers celebrate

Legendary duo mark 30 years of performing

It was a perfect ending to a perfect day.

The Bellamy Brothers, a country act with a 30-year string of hits, performed in concert Saturday night following the Derrick Days celebration in Corsicana. **An enthusiastic crowd welcomed the brothers and their band, including a guest appearance by Jesse and Noah Bellamy, David's sons, with a couple of songs of their own.**

The audience, a mixture of ages that shared a common appreciation of the group's music, enjoyed a 90 minute concert that featured such memorable Bellamy Brothers hits as "Redneck Girl", "Santa Fe", "If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body", "Kids Of The Baby Boom", "Old Hippie" and the song that started their career in 1976, "Let Your Love Flow."

"We recorded that song 30 years ago, on May 8, 1976," David Bellamy said as the band kicked into their debut single, sounding as clean and alive as it did way back when.

The duo shared the stage with a talented group of musicians, and gave each the opportunity to showcase their talents during many of the songs during the night, which the audience acknowledged with lively applause and cheers.

The Bellamy Brothers most recent recording project features appearances by many of country music's biggest stars, including Alan Jackson, Willie Nelson and Dolly Parton.

"That was the only day you came to the studio," David kidded older brother Howard of the reference to Dolly Parton.

"That was a great day, wasn't it?" replied Howard, which brought the expected laugh from the audience, "It sure was."

What sets country artists apart from the rest of the recording industry is a genuine appreciation for their fans. Howard and David showed that by taking time following the concert to visit with the audience and sign autographs in the Palace Theater lobby.

The appearance by the Bellamy Brothers at the Palace Theater was sponsored by Nelson-Putman Propane and two anonymous donors to the Palace. Two more Texas appearances are on tap for the group. On May 12, they will be performing at Gilley's in Dallas, and on May 13 at the Cattle Baron's Ball in Austin, a benefit for the American Cancer Society.



The Bellamy Brothers were a crowd pleaser during the finale of Derrick Days Saturday. A packed house at the Palace Theater enjoyed the group's 30th anniversary tour during a 90-minute concert that featured many of the group's greatest hits and some new songs. **David Bellamy's sons, Jesse and Noah, also appeared on stage with the duo for two songs.** Daily Sun photo/Bob Belcher

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