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Kelly Clarkson performs special concert at Highline Ballroom

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As America [found out](#) Scotty McCreery was their new American Idol, the very first American Idol winner [Kelly Clarkson](#) put on a special concert at the intimate [Highline Ballroom](#) on Wednesday night to help promote [Tupperware Brands' Chain of Confidence](#).



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The organization was formed to honor "women around the world and the profound, life altering impact that they can have on one another" and "celebrate the powerful bonds of friendship that connect women together." Along with Kelly's show, Tupperware Brands is helping promote Chain of Confidence's online presence by donating \$1 to the [Boys & Girls Clubs of America](#) for the first 25,000 'likes' on their [Facebook page](#) (coming to \$25,000). Some of the kids from local Boys & Girls Clubs that will benefit from the donation were in attendance at the special gig, dancing away as [Black Girls ROCK!](#) founder/professional DJ [Beverly Bond](#) spun tunes to warm up the crowd before Kelly took the stage.

Opening with "Miss Independent," Miss Clarkson rocked out wearing one of the "Confide & Conquer" T-shirts being sold at the show (and online [here](#)) to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of America. Kelly performed an hour's worth of hits including "Breakaway," "I Do Not Hook Up," "Because of You," "Since U Been Gone," "Behind These Hazel Eyes," "Walk Away" (which Kelly named as a favorite), and "My Life Would Suck Without You" as kids, hardcore fans, members behind the Chain of Confidence organization and even a few uniformed servicemen jumpstarting their [Fleet Week](#) danced up close by the stage with abandon. Surprising the pop fanatic crowd, she also did an awesome cover of White Stripes' sinister "Seven Nation Army" (watch a clip of Kelly's version [here](#)).

It's easy to see why Kelly has done so well for herself since her own Idol victory nine years ago. She belts out every song flawlessly, writes radio-friendly memorable tunes, and is still the same down-to-Earth Texas girl that she was when America first met her in 2002. Never forgetting how she got her first break, Kelly acknowledged during the concert that the Idol finale had taken place on television earlier. Upon hearing from an overzealous crowd member who shouted out that McCreery won before Clarkson fans got home and checked their TiVos, she admitted she was kind of rooting for Lauren Alaina, keeping up the Girl Power theme of the night.



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