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Concert Review: Frank Turner at Webster Hall

Sunday night, <u>Frank Turner</u> played the last date of his latest US Tour promoting "England Keep My Bones". It was the second of a two night stand for Turner and his touring mates, The Sleeping Souls. Given that Turner has played much smaller NYC venues up to this point, the dual 1,500 capacity-filled shows were no doubt a reason to celebrate. And celebrate Turner did, claiming he was still feeling the after effects of Saturday night's post-show festivities.



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Opening the show was the talented songwriter <u>Jenny Owen</u> <u>Youngs</u>, who played a solo acoustic set. She was followed by 6-piece band <u>Larry And His Flask</u>, who played a high energy set featuring a horn section, acoustic guitar, stand-up bass and a drummer who played from every angle possible, even while standing atop his gear.

A hugely popular up and coming artist overseas, Turner played Wembley Arena this past April and opened the 2012 Summer Olympics Ceremony (sadly his portion was not televised in Amerca). His reputation in America has steadily grown from just a few months ago when he headlined smaller venues like Bowery Ballroom and The Knitting Factory. Bigger audiences mean bigger singalongs, and a bigger stage means more room to move and better lighting. During "One Foot Before The Other" the hall was transformed into a strobelit madhouse as fans jumped up and down to the commanding chorus "I remain! I am remembered!"

The setlist on Sunday night was comprised of songs mostly drawing from "England Keep My Bones" including opener "Eulogy", "Peggy Sang The Blues", "Wessex Boy, "If Ever I Stray", "I Still Believe" and "Glory Hallelujah." Also making the list were new songs "One Fine Day", "Wherefore Art Thou Gene Simmons" and "Four Simple Words," as well as fan favorites "I Knew Prufrock Before He Got Famous", "The Road", "Substitute", "Try This At Home" and "Photosynthesis." Turner also fulfilled a fan request, playing "St. Christopher Is Coming Home" as his first encore.

Turner is done with touring at the moment, and has taken up temporary residence in California to work on his upcoming album (release date to be announced). You can follow him on Twitter at <u>@FTHC</u> and me at <u>@ConcertExaminer</u>!

To check out more photos from the show, click here.