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## Concert recap: Ryan Bingham at Irving Plaza

[Ryan Bingham](#) is widely known for his Oscar-winning song "The Weary Kind," from the film "Crazy Heart." That song was absent from the setlist at his Friday night show at Irving Plaza, but that seemed just fine by the crowd, who gave the singer one of the most enthusiastic, loudest receptions this Examiner has ever heard at a New York City show. Given that list includes Beyoncé at Madison Square Garden, that's pretty good company to be in.

Bingham, backed by a full band that included lively fiddler [Richard Bowden](#), played four songs off his most recent record, "Fear and Saturday Night." "Nobody Knows My Trouble," "Top Shelf Drug," "My Diamond is Too Rough," and "Radio" made the cut. A larger number came from his 2007 album "Mescalito" including "Sunshine," "Hard Times," and "Southside of Heaven," which seemed to get the largest cheer of the night. He also covered local heroes for the show, which was being broadcast live on Yahoo! Music's Live Nation page; the audience was excited to hear covers of Bruce Springsteen's "Atlantic City" and Lou Reed's "Walk On The Wild Side." From the top of the set with "Dollar A Day," to the grand finale, the high-energy "Bread and Water," there was never a dull moment.

To check out my photos of [Ryan Bingham](#) (and opening act Bird Dog) at Irving Plaza, click [here](#).

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