

Last night's concert was the second date of a Canadian tour, with Can-rock hero Tom Cochrane providing the opening duties. His old Red Rider songs sounded fantastic in concert, plus it was great to hear him sing Life is a Highway, the Cochrane song recently made into a country hit by Rascal Flatts (who will play Scotiabank Place on Friday).

Accompanied by original Red Rider members, including Ken Greer, on guitar and pedal steel, and Jeff Jones on bass, Cochrane brought his vintage Can-con hits back to life, starting with the 1983 chestnut, Human Race. Cochrane's sterling pipes helped him sail through Lunatic Fringe, Sinking Like a Sunset, the Untouchable One, White Hot and others, the band members playing their hearts out. Greer, in particular, was in fine form, hammering his defenceless pedal steel with all his might.

With such a deep repertoire from a passionate Canadian rocker and an equally passionate American, it was a terrific night of cross-border rocking.

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