



## 'Incredibly witty'

Daniels sings, jokes for Jackson crowd

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Camera flashes lit up the Michigan Theatre minutes after the audience was warned not to take pictures with a flash.

Why did they do it? Because Jeff Daniels told them to.

Daniels brought his solo music act to Jackson on Saturday, entertaining the crowd with songs from his CD, "Jeff Daniels: Live and Unplugged."

The actor posed for a minute on stage after encouraging audience members to use the cameras he knew they snuck in.

All evening Daniels playfully interacted with the nearly sold-out crowd of about 1,300 people, telling jokes and singing along with his acoustic guitar.

"He's so incredibly witty," said Albion resident Laurie Eberts-Carson. "He's got a way of looking at things with a fresh perspective."

Eberts-Carson said she enjoyed Daniels' versatility as a performer.

"We've always known that he's this talented actor, but now he's showing this complete other side to him."

Daniels entertained the crowd with clever blues songs, such as "If William Shatner Can, I Can, Too," in which he pokes fun at actors turned musicians, and "The Lifelong Tiger Fan Blues," where he sings about his favorite baseball team's poor 2003 season.

But Daniels didn't only rely on the comedy that made him famous in movies such as "Dumb and Dumber," but he also played some sad, melodic tunes that had audience members reaching for a tissue.

The show was a fund-raiser for both the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea and the Michigan Theatre.

Tickets for the show cost between \$30 and \$50.

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