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Madonna Is the Queen

The singer had the best-selling international tour in history

Ever since the 'Confessions Tour' began, Madonna was the favorite target of religious figures and more traditional media outlets for the mock crucifixion bit. Many tried to prevent her shows from taking place, from a priest in Germany making a fake bomb threat via the phone, to religious representatives in Italy asking for the diva to be excommunicated. But that didn't stop Madonna's fans from attending her shows, filling stadiums and concert arenas to the maximum and buying thousands of tickets in just a matter of hours. Unfortunately, the international tour that Madonna embarked on a couple of months ago is drawing close to its end, with the last gig in Tokyo, Japan, taking place today. The diva's tour manager told Reuters that, until now, the first numbers show that this is the best selling international tour by a female artist in the entire history of music. He also found a reason to explain how that came to happen, especially considering that so many people tried their best to boycott it. The manager said that, unlike other famous stars, like U2 or Rolling Stones who played as many locations as possible, Madonna chose to perform only in select cities, even if that meant that she had to do more than one gig in the same city. Overall figures show that the Queen of Pop grossed approximately \$193.7 million, narrowly topping another diva, Cher, who cashed in \$192.5 million on her farewell tour. But, unlike in Cher's case, Madonna's tour did not last as much as hers did, from June 2002 to April 2005.