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Sell-out for the Miami's return gig

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THE surviving members of the legendary [Miami](#) Showband took to the stage for an emotional sell-out concert at [Belfast](#)'s Grand Opera House last night.

Miami trio, [Stephen Travers](#), [Des Lee](#) and [Ray Millar](#) were last night joined by [Barry Woods](#), [Gerry Brown](#) and former Horslips guitarist [Johnny Fean](#). The last time the band was seen on stage was in 2005 in [Dublin](#).

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It was the first time the band had played in Belfast in 33 years after three members -- lead singer [Fran O'Toole](#), trumpet player [Brian McCoy](#) and guitarist [Anthony Geraghty](#) -- were murdered by the UVF in 1975.

Before the Grand Opera House concert, bassist and manager [Steve Travers](#) said: "This is a celebration of the Miami including the guys who were killed. One night they were killed but this is about the rest of their lives.... The Belfast audience was always massive for us. It's party time."

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