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Katy Perry understands, better than any of her peers, that pop at its poppiest is meant to be big, bold, daft, glamorous and fun



Perfect pop: Katy Perry put on a wondrous, witty, two-hour spectacle at the O2 Arena (Pic: Splash News)

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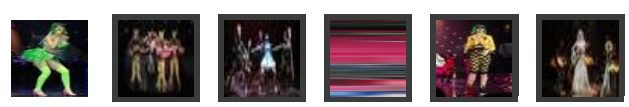
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As openings go, the one to Katy Perry's Prismatic Tour takes some beating. Luminous, spear-carrying dancers trapezing onto stage? Why, yes. Acrobats gyrating over giant decorators' ladders? Of course. And the star emerging from a giant hydraulic triangle before tearing into her hit Roar? Naturally.

Over the course of three albums, Perry has become a global phenomenon, not wholly because of her music – although she does co-write it and at its best it's impossibly infectious – but because the 29-year-old is perfect at being pop star. She understands, better than any of her peers, that pop at its poppiest was meant to be big, bold, daft, glamorous and fun.

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After that stunning beginning, there was a faux horse, a full-size pink foam automobile and, during the rip-roaring closer Firework, pyrotechnics a go-go. More admirably still, Perry was no spectator and on three occasions she was hoisted 25-feet

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above the crowd, whizzing around the O2 under a bunch of balloons like a psychedelic Mary Poppins during Birthday and, spectacularly, on her back, spinning like a dervish during E.T.

She had promised Prismatic would unveil a less cartoonish Katy Perry, but she remained a cross between Betty Boop and Lois Griffin. Tellingly, for all her fireside chats, she revealed nothing of herself (let alone her brief marriage to Russell Brand) beyond admitting that *By The Grace Of God* was written when "I was kind of going through some stuff". Curiously, having chosen to draw attention to her home town of Santa Barbara, she failed to acknowledge the weekend's massacre there.

Instead, a crowd including actress Selena Gomez and One Direction's Niall Horan, Florence Welch, actor Robert Pattinson and Chvrches singer Lauren Mayberry, bounced along to the hits, gawped at the wondrous, witty, two-hour spectacle before them and fell just a little more in love with Katy Perry.



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