



Band: **The Temptations**
Venue: Eastside Cannery
Place: Las Vegas, NV
Author: Samantha Stewart
Photos: Rebecca Wood
Editor: Mark Lewis
Posted: Feb 14, 2009

Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Eastside Cannery was a night to remember as The Temptations Review and former lead singer Dennis Edwards took to the stage with a Valentine's Day performance that took couples on musical journey through the soulful history of The Temptations.

Decked out in glitzy blue suits, Dennis Edwards, David Sea, Mike Patillo, Bernard Gibson and Chris Arnold brought the house down with the radiant, high energy dance moves that made the original group a household name in the 60's. Don't let their ages fool you; these guys could dance some 20-year-olds to shame.



The audience whose ages spanned the early 20's to proud, card carrying AARP members were glued to the stage as The Temptations belted out hits like "Get Ready" and "I Can't Get Next to you." Then they slowed it down with an amazing performance of "I Wish it Would Rain" led by the groups showman, David Sea. Each Temptation had a moment to shine with a solo that showcased each member's vocals and showmanship.

For music aficionados there were a few legendary surprises in the house. Edwards took a moment to address the audience and announce that none other than Jackson 5 founder; Joe Jackson was enjoying the show that night. The crowd went wild as Jackson stood up in the audience to be recognized. In his honor, The Temps performed an electrifying rendition of "Old Man River." Other audience surprises included former lead singer, the late great David Ruffin's son, David Ruffin Jr. who inherited his father's good looks. On stage surprises included a visit from original guitarist Cornelius Grant and former member Paul William's son, Paul Williams Jr.



The Temptations did not miss a beat going from one dance move to hit after hit. For anyone wondering if the group still has it in them, the answer is an overwhelming yes! The showmanship alone rivals any of the young, hot artists today and these guys are in their sixties!

They closed the show with the biggest crowd pleaser of them all. One of the most iconic songs in music today, "My Girl" blended in with a melody of "Just my Imagination." The song had an extra special aura of romance around it with it being the most romantic night of the year.



Whether you were hand in hand with a loved one or watching the show solo, you couldn't help but feel all warm and fuzzy as you were transformed; If only for a moment back to the greatest era in music history by one the finest groups of its day.



