



PAYING TRIBUTE: Kyle Matthews, Carly Graeme, Tracey-Lee Oliver, Shaun V, Ruth Brown and Thokozani Nzima.

Sir-tainly a treat for musical lovers

KNIGHTS OF MUSIC

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: Rowan Bakker
CAST: Carly Graeme, Shaun V, Tracey-Lee Oliver, Thokozani Nzima, Ruth Brown and Kyle Matthews
VENUE: Lyric Theatre, Gold Reef City
UNTIL: November 8
RATING: ★★★★★

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Knights of Music dazzles with vibrancy. It's a dynamic show reminiscent of Richard Loring's days at the Sound Stage.

The same formula applies, but it has been injected with sleek sophistication and it's a fabulous upgrade, thanks to the creative synergy between Loring and Bryan Schimmel and the elegant Lyric Theatre providing a bigger platform for the performers.

The show pays homage to musical knights who contributed hugely to musical theatre – Sir Tim Rice, Sir Andrew Lloyd



NIGHT OF NOTES: Shaun V and Thokozani Nzima.

Webber, Sir Cliff Richard, Sir Cameron Macintosh, Sir Paul McCartney and Sir Elton John. They have provided memorable

Broadway and West End hits such as *I Dreamed a Dream* from *Les Miserables* and *One Night in Bangkok* from *Chess*.

But the key ingredient is the calibre of the performers, and they certainly come to the party.

From Tracey Lee Oliver's captivating soprano to Shaun V's searing rock 'n' roll voice to Thokozani Nzima's inspired rendition of *Music of the Night* to Carly Graeme's dreamy *I Dreamed a Dream* to the ensemble's in-sync harmonies, it all leaves one enthralled.

They give their own interpretation of the songs and that's appealing. They even insert a bit of drama to elevate the performance. The great sound from the band supports the singers and the musical director's swift pace leaves no second to wonder what's next.

The clever lighting and beautiful costumes add to the stylish presentation of the show.

Showbiz will never go out of style and *Knights of Music* prove its relevance.