
Pamela Rose delights audience with jazz vocals

By Diane Bartleson

At April 26's Cloverdale Arts Alliance concert, Pamela Rose, fully lived up to her reputation as the "Queen of San Francisco Jazz." Finger-snapping, hip slapping, this versatile vocalist delighted a packed house of local blues and jazz fans. Her rich tones and wide vocal range made every song, new or familiar, a refreshing and exciting experience for her listeners.

Pamela Rose's program included an inspired variety of old classics, such as a creative and lively interpretation of "Blue Skies", which showcased Pamela's lower range, Cole Porter's "Love for Sale," and original songs written by Pamela Rose and guitarist Danny Caron.

Her renditions were always followed by solos featuring the amazing technical artistry of Caron and bassist Ruth Davies. Local musician, Kay Wells, felt that their individual and collective techniques were both creative and dazzling. Highlights of the evening for Wells and others were a wonderful interpretation of "Bye Bye Blackbird" and "Love, Where Can You Be," which really showed Ruth Davies' mastery of the acoustic bass. According to Wells, "We are indeed

fortunate to have these three incredibly accomplished musicians perform right here in town, thanks to the Cloverdale Arts Alliance."

The event also attracted many out-of-towners, from both north and south, to Cloverdale. Coleman, a visitor from Petaluma, said, "It's been a long time since we've heard jazz this good! It's wonderful! We've attended other Cloverdale Arts Alliance concerts here and have been impressed with the quality and the variety presented."

Visiting artists always seem to enjoy themselves at these Cloverdale Arts Alliance events, too. Bassist Ruth Davies summed it up when asked how she liked playing in a small town like Cloverdale. "This audience is so appreciative, so it's very enjoyable! I perform all over the world, and find that music is definitely the universal language. It touches everyone."

Event chairperson, Susan Nurse, is enthusiastic about the opportunity to offer such high quality entertainment to the residents of Cloverdale. "To see superb musical artists perform in such a small and intimate setting-it's very rare," she said.