

Alexis belts out the beat to raving maniac crowd.

## At Albert's Hall

# Alexis pounds happy beat

Alt and Morowicz

Her name is Alexis, and she belts out her numbers with the power of Etta James and the sensitivity of Joan Armatrading. Caught on opening night, she surprised a large Monday night crowd at the Brunswick House with a warm stage manner, and an exciting sound-a mixture of blues, jazz fusion and a bit of rock 'n' roll for good measure. Pound for pound, Alexis may just be the best singer

Alexis opened the evening with a well-paced set-a combination of exciting, up-beat rock tunes with a handful of soulful, bluesy numbers. The material is all original. With one ballad called "Dragonflies and Kites," Alexis managed to reach the audience, something which won her the warmth and respect of the Monday night crowd.

But her talent certainly isn't restricted to the 'small bar' atmosphere. Some of you may

have been fortunate enough to catch her opening for Mink Deville last spring at The Edge. There again, in a much different setting, Alexis managed to create an intimate atmosphere from a large and somewhat rowdy

Right now, the performance focuses almost entirely on the vocals, but this could change in the future, as we found out while speaking with a somewhat

I've never heard such corny lyrics, such simpering sentimentality, such repetitious, uninspired melody. Man, we've got a hit on our hands! -Brad Anderson

breathless Alexis between sets. Her new band has only been together for a few weeks. They haven't even chosen a name yet, but they have developed a tight style and a controlled cohesiveness, providing a solid backdrop for Alexis' gutsy vocals.

Alexis explains that this band represents a new beginning for her career, and they intend it to be a permanent musical relationship. This is not destined to be a one-man show. she assured us. And although there are no definite album plans, Alexis suggested that we might hear her distinctive voice and original melodies captured on vinyl in the future.

Has she got what it takes? Well, if Monday's full house is any indication, Alexis is on her way up. So catch her while you still can 'til Saturday at Albert's Hall, upstairs at the Brunswick House. No cover, lover.

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