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★ The Raes ★

Last Wednesday night, September 24, the Gallery of Sound featured the musical talent of Cheryl and Robbie Rae. The second of a two night engagement was packed with lively entertainment, both musical and comical.

The back-up band, featuring Rob Gasidlo on Keyboards, Chris Nickoloff on bass, Nick Cucunato on guitar and Joe "The Italian Stallion" Cosme on drums, opened the show with a few musical selections which were met with somewhat of a mixed reaction.

Opening their act with a lively number, Cheryl and Robbie had the packed house clapping and yelling for more right from the start. Along with some new material from the present album *Two Hearts*, they sang as expected, their hits *Que Sera Sera* and *A Little Lovin*.

A comedy sketch which was inserted into the middle of the first show, had Cheryl and Robbie each portraying a famous celebrity in the music industry. Cheryl did such personalities as Bette Midler and Dolly Parton while Robbie portrayed Mick Jagger, Paul Williams

and even Rod Stewart with his tousled head of hair, skin tight leather pants, and tiger striped jacket. All were well done, complete with costumes, and wigs for the final touch.

The second show of the evening featured album cuts only; mostly new material from the *Two Hearts* album.

Overall, the show was well put together and equally well performed. The lighting was good and gave a chance to see the band members once and awhile. The sound was good also although maybe a little too much bass at times. *The Raes* themselves were very good; they sang with a lot of emotion and were very friendly towards the public there. As Robbie put it, "we were very impressed with the Fredericton crowd and wanted to put on a good show for them."

All in all, it was an evening filled with lively music and good all round entertainment.

Many thanks go out to the staff at the Gallery for being so helpful and cooperative with us and also to Crispy Kraut for all of his help.

