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Greg Walker

Jazz Bakery Culver City



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Greg Walker: Old-school favorites
performed with flair.

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The Players: Greg Walker, lead vocals; Todd Hunter, piano, keyboards; Ernest Tibbs, bass; Raymond Pounds, drums; Jinshi Ozaki, guitar.

Material: Greg Walker delivers rich and delicious variations of romantic originals that include "So Much Better," "Every Day of My Life," and "Old Fashioned Love." Walker has Motown covers nailed, playing old-school favorites that include "Let's Get It On," "Can't Help Myself," and "Ain't Too Proud." The former Santana lead vocalist also belts out his classic hit "Stormy" beautifully.

Musicianship: Todd Hunter, Ernest Tibbs, Raymond Pounds, and Jinshi Ozaki are seasoned, elite musicians who enhance Walker's performance without overshadowing him or bringing unnecessary attention to their skills. On top of that, these musicians can switch styles of music and tempos without hesitation.

Performance: Greg Walker captured the audience's attention from the first song. Both sets of the sold-out show were well received by the enthusiastic theatre attendees who rewarded Walker's performance with a standing ovation and continuous clapping throughout the night. Special guest vocalist Phyllis Battle delighted the crowd when she joined Walker for a duet.

Summary: Greg Walker is an outstanding solo artist who has mastered six categories of music, including jazz, R&B, gospel, rock, Motown, and adult contemporary. Walker obviously spares no expense, or preparation, in ensuring that his band will perform to the highest of standards; and he guarantees a memorable all-ages show that will be entertaining for all.

-Laura Phillips