



Love Notes

The ManiLowdown of the Manilow Lovers BMFC

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Music and Passion Party

November 20, 2005 was our official first meeting of Manilow Lovers in Ringwood, NJ, with new members from New Jersey and New York. A fun day was had by all. We dined on wonderful food and enjoyed everyone's Barry experiences.



Trip to Vegas

Three of our members jetted to Last Vegas for the December 12th taping of Barry's concert for PBS. Here is the account of their journey.

By Cathy Reilly and Karen Mersch

The Music and Passion sign outside the Las Vegas Hilton is an awesome sight!



We especially loved the double-decker Manilow buses!



Entering the Hilton stirred up our Barry fever, as we heard Barry music throughout, including the elevators; we saw the Manilow slot machines paying (somewhat); and we found the Manilow Store always busy!

Our PBS experience was an event never to be forgotten. The only downside was waiting on line for the show tickets. Cathy arrived on line at 7 a.m., and was still on line at 4 p.m. for the show. But, the taping made up for any discouragement.

We were first met on the stage by "lovable" Garry, who apologized for technical delays, took questions from the audience, and discussed the televising of the PBS special. One question asked of him was if he were married. His reply was "I'm available." Garry was adorable and funny, as always.



Finally, our man took the stage, and was he in rare form! We loved the way he joked and made silly faces at the cameramen and how he kept bringing up the words, "smokey farts," meaning the entrance stage fog.

Before each PBS taping, Barry explained that the first thing we'd see would be the cameraman coming out to film what he sees when entering the stage. We were to clap and cheer as though it were Barry himself. But when the music started, and the cameraman came out, Barry was behind the cameraman hamming it up clapping and waving us on to cheer. It was hysterical!

We've never seen him so silly!!! It was fun seeing Barry so lighthearted!

His voice was impeccable during the first taping, and he not only gave us a sample of his Music and Passion show, but also added "Best Seat in the House," "If I can Dream," and songs from his upcoming new Best of the 50's CD. "Venus and Unchained Melody" were our favorites. During the second taping Barry's voice was a little "raspy," and he decided that he couldn't sing "Unchained Melody," but preferred to lip sync it. He explained he was getting a cold and asked his crew to find his CD. Well, Barry could not lip sync to his own recording, which proves all his TV showings are live! He joked and was as cute as ever.

He commented that he loved his audiences--from both showings. The fans were also in rare form, and we never needed signs to tell us when to applaud. There were cameras everywhere--and the theatre was extremely loud. While taking pictures, you never know what moves Barry will surprise you with! What a cooperative subject to take pictures of!



TV tapings are truly a great experience. Not only did we see Barry relaxed with conversation between songs, but we also heard some songs repeated so that he felt they were sung to perfection.



At the end of the second show with all the streamers coming down, we experienced such a mix of emotions. We were amazed from watching Barry perform-at how he touched our hearts and souls with his sensitivity, passion, energy and sense of humor. Then the moment comes when the lights came up and we realized the show is over and we felt our hearts sink for a moment...but you know we will be back!

After experiencing two tapings in one day, we realized we heard way over five hours of our Barry singing. Sweet Heaven! Who could've asked for more?

More Pictures from Vegas



The following day-and-a-half, Karen and Cathy spend time walking around different hotel and casinos.



Vegas was beautifully decorated for Christmas! Tuesday night they saw the M&M store. Before they knew it they were entering the theatre for Wednesday night's Christmas Show





They sang Christmas songs with the stage decorated with a wreath and funny looking Christmas trees!



Thank you Karen for the WONDERFUL photos!!!

Barry Frenzy

On January 24th Barry performed songs from his new CD "Greatest Songs of the Fifties" at the Time Warner/AOL Building in Lincoln Center. A contest was held on LiteFM. Well needless to say, we all tried - we all lost.

Barry will be on several other television stations promoting his new CD.

Mark Your Calendars...

...for our next "Barry" special get-together! Join us Saturday, June 10th, at the home of Jackie Lahey in Maplewood For more information and directions, email Jackie L. at jaclahey@aol.com.

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