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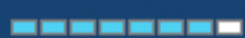
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All I have to say is what an AWESOME show (but does that really surprise you?)!

Andy Schmidt from Stir played for about 45 minutes and I was duly impressed. I would describe his style of music as Grey's Anatomy or Ghost Whisperer type music. You know the type where some slow, pensive and melodic music ends the show. His music was somewhat simplistic and predictable but he was passionate and has a pretty darn good voice. Great job by Don to use him as an opener.

Then the Troubs hit the stage not more than 15 minutes after Andy and you could immediately tell a dynamic shift in momentum. They started with Middle Ground and continued on for 2 sets! They actually got finished around 11:15 I believe. Rik was very entertaining in his story telling and the crowd was VERY supportive! The Troubs played their typical set list which included new stuff off the Push Pull album and of course there was the obligatory Triumph material which included, Magic Power (which he dedicated to the troops fighting in Afghanistan) Ordinary Man, Lay It on the Line, Suitcase Blues and Hold On.

I have to admit, I am thoroughly impressed with Dave Dunlop! He's a terrific guitarist and compliments Rik both musically and on stage, very nicely! He also seems like a down to earth type of individual. He signed his autograph to my wife as "the other guy". This guy can shred, and on a classical guitar no less! It's easy to understand why he was part of the Triumph reunion, he and Rik must be soul mates.

Don Wishon was our promoter for this event and he deserves 2 thumbs up along with a keg of beer, a few shots and any other party material you can think of along with hugs, a massage, affirmation and a good old fashioned pat on the back! He did a GREAT job in organizing this event! We arrived about 15 minutes late for Andy Schmidt but true to his word, our table was waiting, dead center, second row back, can't beat that! He worked his butt off and I cannot help but think that Rik, Dave and Spud would not want to work with Don in the future. Don is exactly what Rik (et al) wants in a promoter! My hats off to you Don!

Feel good moment for Triumph fans:

Rik dedicated Suitcase Blues to one individual but also to Gil and Mike. He mentioned a little bit about the bad blood that existed for years (although he didn't go into details) but he also mentioned that he is excited about the reconciliation along with the fact that that they have become friends again.

The story goes that when he presented Gil and Mike with Suitcase Blues for the JAG album that they didn't understand how this Jazz song could be on a rock album. Gil and Mike also understood 'how that song COULD NOT be on the album so the said 'go for it'. Because of that decision Rik credited Mike and Gil for the solo career that he has today because that allowed Rik to show off his diversity! (Put a smile to my face!)

All in all a great show by the Troubs!

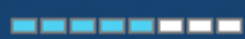
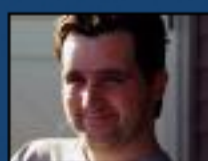
Rik keeps 'the fire burning' for all Triumph fans so if you have the chance, go see him! He will not only impress, but he he will satisfy that proverbial Triumph itch.....at least for a little while.....

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Re: Rik and Dave PDP Review Friday Nov. 20th 2009

Nice review. I'll be seeing him in Cambridge, MA on December 4th. Very much looking forward to it.

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