

Music Reviews -

COLD DUCK By Phyllis Du'Gas

Occasionally we happen upon good talent. That was the case with the versatile R & B Group - **Cold Duck**.

Pam Barrett and I had the pleasure of attending Summer Nights in Rancho Cucamonga where we partied in the park with this "spirited" and very funky group.

Being raised in the 70's funk era, both Pam and I were delighted when Cold Duck opened the evening with Earth, Wind & Fire's "Let's Groove" I immediately looked at Pam and said, "It's going to be a great night". They didn't stop there. The band played several signature tunes from Santana, Kool and The Gang, Average White Band, The Commodores, Chicago, and Tower of Power, just to name a few. The evening hit a high point for me when lead singer, Jose Cuadra performed "What a Wonderful World". This song is dear to my heart. I was so impressed! If you closed your eyes, you'd swear you were listening to Louie Armstrong. Whatever signature tune Jose sang, he sounded close to the original artist or exactly like the artist. Do you realize how difficult that is to do? A key ingredient when performing signature tunes. An ingredient that Jose has obviously mastered!

Cold Duck was formed in the late 60's and has been entertaining since that time throughout Southern, California. If I could sum the group up in one word, it would have to be "showmanship". When it comes to 70's funk, you can't replicate the music without a great horn section. Kudos to Jean Chavez and Jeff Way!

The free concert was scheduled to end at 9 p.m. The energy was so high and the crowd had filled the dance floor to capacity. Cold Duck did not stop. Instead, they gave us a funky grand finale medley of 70's hits, including the Ohio Player's Rollercoaster and a Rick James classic. What a memorable and fun evening. We felt like we were in high school again. We definitely plan on attending other upcoming events. You should too! Cold Duck is much more than a versatile R & B Group, Cold Duck is an experience! Experience it for yourself by visiting their website at:
www.coldduck.com

You can listen to their music and check their upcoming concert dates.

Cold Duck is:

Jose "Chepe" Cuadra - Lead Vocal / Trumpet /Percussion

Gene Chavez - Trumpet/Flugelhorn/Vocals

Saul Chavez - Bass / Vocals

Eddie Estrada -Guitar/Vocals

Ray Ortega - Drums/Vocals

Tony Mason - Woodwinds/Vocals

Gregory Smith - Keyboards/Vocals

Jeffrey Way - Trombone / Vocals

The Millennium Women Network is very supportive of local talent where we make our home in Southern, California. Since spotlighting Reno Jones last year, we've received several invitations to attend show dates in the area with the intention that the groups will be good enough to be spotlighted on this site. Unfortunately, not every group we visit is spotlighted here. Very often, the group has no idea someone from the Network is even at their function.

Would you like your group featured here? Submit your information to us and we'll send someone to your next engagement. If your group is real good, and time permits, maybe Phyllis will come and write a review. Send info to: musicians@millenniumwomen.net

Please attempt to give us as much notice of your event as possible, to allow for scheduling. Thank you!