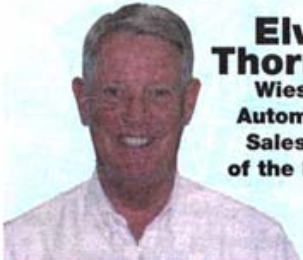


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Elvis meets The Beatles in tribute concert

By BRAD MEYER
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It's pompadours versus mop-tops, Memphis against Liverpool and Rockabilly taking on the Mersey Beat when legendary pop icons share the stage of the historic Old Town Theatre in Huntsville at 7 p.m. Saturday.

In the world of popular music, few performers had more impact on subsequent generations than Elvis. And few groups would dare to compare their body of work to The Beatles. Two generations later, the "Elvis Meets The Beatles" concert is for the loyal fans that still love the music of these legends.

On Saturday evening, the tribute bands of these legendary performers will come together for one concert to reminisce about the days when pop ruled the radio airwaves and one's haircut said a lot

ELVIS MEETS THE BEATLES:

The special "Elvis Meets The Beatles" concert takes place at the Old Town Theatre, located at 1023 12th Street in Huntsville, on Saturday evening starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$15 and \$20 and can be purchased at the door or by calling (713) 896-1031.

about preferences in music. They present a musical odyssey, beginning with Elvis' first hit "Teddy Bear" and continuing chronologically through the Beatles era.

The special pre-New Year's Eve concert features two impressive "Elvis" performers - Greg Winston and Vince King. Both transform themselves into the "King" to present his music in a style representative of Elvis and familiar to his fans. From the



Courtesy photo
Vince King performs as Elvis in Lake Jackson. King, along with fellow Elvis performer Greg Winston will perform in a tribute concert with The Fab 5 group as The Beatles on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Huntsville.

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The Fab 5, a Beatles tribute group, will play in an Elvis meets The Beatles concert on Saturday in Huntsville's Old Town Theatre.



Greg Winston has been an Elvis fan since age 11 and has been performing as Elvis for seven years. He will perform Saturday and also organized the show.

early gyrations that caused so much controversy in the 50s to the signature leather jumpsuits that defined his Las Vegas career, Winston and King enable audiences to relive the glory days of rock and roll.

"It's a bit of a challenge deciding who sings what song," Winston admitted of Elvis' top hits. "But he had so many great songs, both of us will be performing a lot of classic material."

Appearing as The Beatles is the "Fab 5," a popular Houston-area tribute band with a favorable reputation and strong following of supporters. The group dresses, acts and sounds quite authentic as the top-ranked band leading the British Invasion.

"This is the first time this has been done," Winston said of the concept behind the innovative Dec. 30 concert event. "Elvis and The Beatles are obviously legendary musical performers, so it will be a night filled with great music."

Winston, who is also organizing the event, has been a devoted Elvis fan since he was 11. Since beginning his tribute act seven years ago, Winston tied for first place in the Oldies 107.5 citywide Elvis contest in 2004. He won second place in the regional competition for the Images of

Elvis contest in 2005 and has opened for a variety of regional and national acts such as The Goo Goo Dolls and Ezra Charles & The Works.

Vince King is another of Houston's top professional Elvis tribute artists. He has won first place in two Houston citywide contests in the last two years and performed as Elvis at the Paris Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

The highly regarded Fab 5 group that appears as The Beatles is the brainchild of journeymen performers Dwaine Abraham and Bill Staats to relive the spirit and the enthusiasm of the British Invasion. The group dresses and performs music from two distinct periods in an eight-year history of The Beatles: the 1964 introduction to America and the later surrealistic Sgt. Pepper's period.

The Fab 5, founded in 1990, has appeared at numerous galas, corporate functions and concerts events, sharing the stage with groups such as The Beach Boys, Herman's Hermits, Three Dog Night, The Turtles and many other top rock 'n' roll bands from the 60s.

The show starts with the early years of Elvis, progressing through his 1961 movie career leading up to an eventual takeover by The Beatles.

The performances alternate until all of the artists appear on stage for a collective effort on the classic "Hey Jude."

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