

Theatre-Go-Round Dinner Theatre's latest show has intimate setting, familiar music

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Few would argue, taking on the works of singer-songwriter, Peter Allen, calls for a strong and seasoned vocalist.

On Sunday, songstress, Beth McKenzie-Shestak, proved she was up to the task as she performed Allen's finest tunes with ease and joy in Theatre-Go-Round Dinner Theatre's latest revue, "Between the Moon and New York City."

Running Sundays through Nov. 22, the show celebrates the cabaret life and times of Allen and his roller-coaster life of highs and lows in the entertainment industry.

Unlike the award-winning Broadway hit, “The Boy from Oz,” which focused on Allen’s entire life, Go-Round’s revue highlights his hit music with interesting key facts along the way — even details that this reviewer and fellow diners didn’t know.

From “I go to Rio,” “Don’t Cry Out Loud” to “I Honestly Love You” and “I’d Rather Leave While I’m in Love” to many more including “All I Wanted Was a Dream” (which Shestak performs phenomenally, don’t miss this one) — the evening was entertaining.

Between Shestak’s high-caliber vocals and musical director, Gregory Harris and Go-Round’s newest member, Brendan Wenger’s broad voices and charisma — the three easily brought back to life the songs that once graced stages from Broadway to Hollywood.

Although Go-Round productions normally focus on decade hits and favorites, artistic producer Jon Putzke is onto something more meaningful by featuring a single artist.

For Putzke, the production presented an interesting challenge. Even though he’s helmed dozens of revues, this was his first biographical musical revue and he admits he was anxious to hear what theatergoers thought.

Compared to past shows, this was more intimate but delivered the big razzle-dazzle production numbers and heartfelt ballads audiences expect at Go-Round revues.

About the show

What: “Between the Moon and New York City”

When: Oct. 18, 25 and Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22; Dinner seating begins at 4:30 p.m., with the show following at 6 p.m.

Where: Quilted Giraffe Restaurant, 500 Hwy. U.S. 1, Vero Beach

Cost: \$55, includes show ticket, three-course meal. Reservations required.