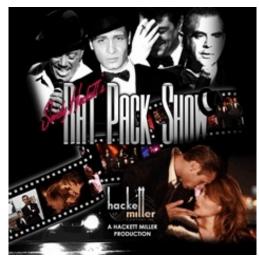
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How could you not really dig this one? Buddy Hackett's son, Sandy, has brought the Rat Pack back to life with his wife, Lisa Dawn Miller, who is the daughter of songwriter Ron Miller. And it is a sterling tribute to their energy and creativity as well as to the talents of the original members of that Pack.

Sandy Hackett plays Joey Bishop. And while he may not look much like Joey, he's got the moves and knows the schticks. It's the Borscht Belt meets Vegas once again. For the very prim among us, please know there are some single entendres and slightly off-color language. But, WTF, it's a great evening.

In this company, Danny Grewen is playing Frank. He's got the pipes and the hat. The only thing I missed was the rain coat over the shoulder when he sings off with My Way. He interacts so well with his buddy Deano who is played by Tony Basile. Tony has the looks as well as the pipes and when he lets us sing along with him doing That's Amore, it was as if we were back in Vegas.

Dezmond Meeks rounds out the foursome as Sammy Davis, Jr. He's the young man who wowed viewers when he was on America's Got Talent a couple of years ago. Maybe they should have said America's HOT Talent in his case. Terrific presentation, dance, voice and humor. At one point he asks Joey if he could make him a White Russian. Joey declined on the basis that it was enough work to make him a black Jew. Bidda – boom.

Lisa Dawn Miller does come on stage as Frank's One Love and beautifully sings Ron Miller's Wasn't I a Good Time. She really belts that one out, regardless that Frank's real passion was Ava Gardner.

Set up as a typical Vegas revue, the players perform before an 11-member band, lead by percussionist Ryan Rose. Interesting to note that the other band members were local musicians; and that works out inasmuch as every one of the musical pieces is truly a standard.

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