

Fiesta Showroom Expands Entertainment

LOVELACE WATKINS OPENS INDEFINITE ENGAGEMENT

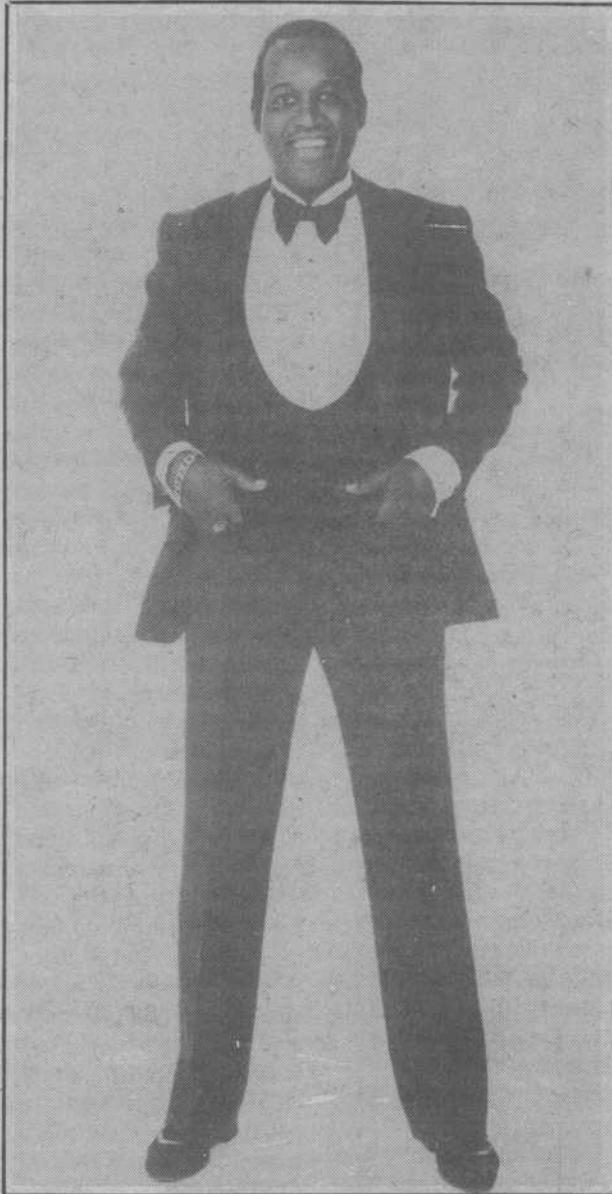
For those who love going to shows, the Fiesta Showroom of the Hacienda Resort Hotel & Casino is adding more "love" each night beginning Thursday, Sept. 6, when dynamic international singing star Lovelace "L.A." Watkins will open an indefinite engagement alternating with the "Fire & Ice" production show, America's most lavish ice and dance spectacular.

Watkins returns to Las Vegas after an absence of nearly a year when he closed an award-winning 14-month run that brought him high acclaim from audiences and critics alike. His debut at the Hacienda will make the Fiesta Showroom the only showroom in Las Vegas offering dinner shows, a production show, and headliner entertainment all in one night.

Watkins will star at 8 p.m. on Mondays when "Fire & Ice" takes the night off, and at 10 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday between "Fire & Ice" shows, with a special added 2 a.m. show Saturday night/Sunday morning. To accommodate these added shows, the 11 p.m. "Fire & Ice" late show will move to 12 midnight, beginning Sept. 6.

Watkins is one of those international phenomena in the entertainment industry. Although he is not universally-

known in his home country, the United States, he is considered a superstar in every right and five gold and one platinum album for European and Australian record sales, and a com-



Lovelace Watkins

mand performance before the Queen of England at the London Palladium, after which Her Majesty called Watkins her "favorite in Europe, Australia, and Africa's Gold Coast where he is an official 'Ambassador-At-Large.' His successes include 10 gold single records,

singer."

Watkins' style on stage has been compared to Tom Jones as well as some of the world's greatest jazz performers. His jazz background, however, is used as a springboard in his show into some of the most popular songs of today as well as some of his own compositions. Under the name "L.A. Watkins" (he was born Lovelace Allan Watkins), Lovelace is known as an accomplished songwriter as well as performer.

Close acquaintances just call him "Love" and audiences soon are doing the same after experiencing his dynamic performing style. It all adds up to a new entertainment "love affair" nightly in the Fiesta Showroom of the Hacienda Hotel.

Promoters consider dates for Jacksons

Local promoters trying to bring the Jacksons' Victory Tour to Las Vegas say they have been given a choice of concert dates for either Oct. 25-27 or Nov. 10-12.

Cliff Garland of Visionary Productions, said Wednesday a firm date will be established once "financing and some other things" are worked out.

Although Visionary Productions has never produced a concert locally, Russell Harvey of Visionary said both he and Garland have worked "as individuals" to produce a number of concerts over the years.

Harvey said the promoters have confirmed they have the \$5 million guarantee that the Jacksons tour is seeking for

three shows at the Las Vegas Silver Bowl, yet a contract still has not been signed.

Performing in front of 45,000 people paying \$30 apiece would only produce \$4 million over a three-night stand and Visionary is working with local hotels to make up the difference, according to Harvey. Hotels are being asked to buy blocks of tickets and use them as part of various package deals to entice visitors to Las Vegas.

"The people who are putting up the money are not going to buy a losing date," said Harvey. "Now it's simply a question if we can get enough money back from the wholesalers (hotels)."

"POETRY IS ALIVE" TO BE PRESENTED AT WEST LAS VEGAS LIBRARY

"Nevada Bell," "Jackson Ave." and "Brumal is Here" are among the selections to be read at "Poetry is Alive," an afternoon recital by Las Vegas poets, on Sept. 8 (Saturday) at 2 p.m. at the West Las Vegas Library, 1402 "D" Street.

The program, directed by Rudolph (Rudi) Jackson, will feature readings by Jackson, Albert Ford and Sarah Williams, members of The Poetry Workshop and the Las Vegas Poetry Group. Jackson, also a writer, singer and musician, will read his original pieces

"100% Brainwashed," "Guilded Lady" and "Proverbial Winebibber." An experienced reader, Jackson has given readings of his work at UNLV, Pepperdine College, Loyola College, Los Angeles City College, and at numerous Junior Colleges, including Antelope Valley in Lancaster, California and Clark County Community College.

Ford, a self-employed iron worker and longtime Las Vegan, will recite from his original works including "Reality House" and "By the

Poet." He has given readings at the Henderson Library and Reality House.

"Black Woman—Me" and "Your Kind of Women" will be recited by Williams, who writes poetry because it serves as an outlet for expressing personal experiences. She is a fashion model and designer as well as an employment sergeant at Nellis Air Force Base.

The program will be followed by a reception to afford the audience an opportunity to meet with the poets.

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