

Entertainment

Gregory Hines Considered Best Tap Dancer In America Today

Gregory Hines, who created such a sensation with his performance in Francis Ford Coppola's "The Cotton Club," is one performer whose star is definitely on the rise.

Hines, who is currently appearing in the beautiful Celebrity Room of the MGM Grand Hotel, will continue there with Rich Little through Sept. 11.

Once part of a father and brother act called Hines, Hines and Dad, Gregory made his Broadway debut in "Eubie," for which he was nominated for a Tony Award. He next starred in "Comin' Uptown" and got another Tony nomination, and then got his third for his role in the highly-touted "Sophisticated Ladies," which featured the music of Duke Ellington.

But it was his electrifying appearance in "The Cotton Club" that really began to



Gregory Hines

Exciting Pointer Sisters Back In Caesars

Ruth, Anita and June Pointer return to center stage at Caesars Palace with funnyman Byron Allen Sept. 11-23 (except 9/17).

Coming West following a sold-out engagement at Caesars Atlantic City, The Pointer Sisters are proven experts at creating showroom excitement with favorites like "Jump," "Automatic" and "I'm So Excited."

This year they earned two Grammy awards, and have been touring almost non-stop. And everywhere they

attract a lot of attention.

He also appeared as a doctor in the movie "Wolfen" and is currently starring in a film "White Nights." In the movie, he plays a Vietnam veteran who defects to Moscow.

When asked the reason for his success, Hines said: "I can't remember a time when I was not dancing." In fact, he began to dance before the age of three.

One of the reasons for his popularity is that a number of critics have commented that Gregory Hines may just be the best tap dancer working in America today.

If that's true — it's good enough for Hines.

go they bring the distinctive dance rhythms and their ability to sing diverse styles with tunes like



Pointer Sisters

provocative lyrics that get audiences moving.

The Pointer Sisters have built their popularity on a career that began more than a decade ago. In 1971 they met their first manager Dave Rubinson and soon began backup singing for artists like Boz Skaggs and Taj Mahal. Their first album, The Pointer Sisters, showcased

"Cloudburst," a jazz scat song, and the country-western cut "Shaky Flat Blues." Both their first and second album, "That's A Plenty" were certified gold. "Fairy Tale," from That's A Plenty rose high on the country-western charts and was later recorded by Elvis Presley.

The Pointer Sisters made their first television appearance on "The Helen Reddy Summer Special," and have performed on "The Carol Burnett Show," "The Merv Griffin Show" and on specials with Mac Davis, George Burns and Patty Andrews of The Andrews Sisters.

Musical direction from Richard Perry helped produce the popular sounds of their 1978 album, Energy, with its million-seller "Fire." Priority and Special Things were their rock and roll albums. From the latter came the hit single "He's So Shy," with the dance rhythm and pop sound that has become associated with the group.

At Caesars Palace, The Pointer Sisters will perform cocktail shows with comedian Byron Allen at 8:30 and 11:30 p.m. nightly Sept. 11 through 23 (except 9/17). For reservations phone 702/731-7333 or 800/454-4544 (outside Nevada, within the U.S.)

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