

Jazz Supergroup "Fourplay" Returns To Artemus Ham Hall

Jazz Supergroup of the '90s "Fourplay" returns to Las Vegas Thursday, November 2, 1995 for one show only at UNLV's Artemus Ham Concert Hall. A wine tasting and art show will start things off at 7 p.m. with the show beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Fourplay serves up a romantically intoxicating and soulfully sensual mix on *Elixir*, their third release on Warner Bros. Records. Bob James, Lee Ritenour, Nathan East and Harvey Mason take it to a new high, blending pop, rock, jazz, funk, R&B and classical elements into a heady and magical potion — with special guests Phil Collins, Patti Austin and Peabo Bryson.

Fourplay's enduring and distinctive alliance grows richer with each album and *Elixir* adds one more chapter to an already impressive list of accomplishments. The first eponymous release spent an unprecedented 33 weeks at No.1 on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz chart. Fourplay's Grammy-nominated second album, *Between The Sheets*, also captured the No.1 spot on the Billboard, R&R, Gavin and MAC charts and followed the debut recording to gold certification.



"Girlfriends" To Perform At The West Las Vegas Library Theatre

On Time Productions presents "Girlfriends," a musical collaboration of three extremely talented song stylists.

This show is being presented as a charity to benefit the Life Line Family Life Pregnancy Assistance Vocational/Education Center of Las Vegas. Tickets are \$20 and be purchased by calling On Time Productions at (702) 223-2669, or by contacting Life Line at (702) 736-2984.

Mary "O" Oliver, Darcus Speed, and Janis Carter's musical experience ranges from

background singing, lounge acts, opening acts, musical theatre, jazz festivals, to the movies.

Some of their musical affiliations have been with: Mary "O" with the Checkmates, Fifth Dimension, Lou Rawls, Lawrence Welk's Big "Tiny" Little Darcus with Whoopi Goldberg, Smokey Robinson, David Brenner and Don Rickles. Janis with Lola Falana, Billy Paul, Lee Greenwood and Doris Troy.

Darcus has achieved notoriety from appearances on the Montel Williams Show, BET's

"Women in Video," and James Brown's All Star Show. Mary "O" has been a feature vocalist at the Sacramento Jazz Festival, Victoria Canada Jazz Festival, and the International Jazz Festival. Janis Carter has recorded with RCA-Buddah's "The New Birth," featured in the musical "Mama I Want To Sing," and the movie "Living To Die."

"Girlfriends" is a musical journey encompassing the acknowledgment on their

mentors, the sharing of their diverse musical abilities culminating with a spiritual celebration of camaraderie.

The reprise performance of the original successful musical revue "Girlfriends" will be Friday, October 13, 1995, 8:00 p.m. at the Clark County Library Theatre, 1401 E. Flamingo Rd.

The audience will be treated to an unforgettable night of musical excellence from three Entertainers Extraordinaire!

Bob James asserts, "I think we've finally really settled into our own style. In the beginning, we were exploring and trying to find out if we were a group. This third album is the first time we went in really knowing what we were all about and what was possible. We're solid and surviving with our own identity." Ritenour adds, "It's impossible to not sound like Fourplay. We each have our own style, but when we come together as Fourplay whatever the song is, no matter who wrote it, there is a tangible and unique direction." James concludes, "When we get together, there is something larger than the four of us. Our styles merge in a way that we don't even need to talk about it." He laughs and adds, "Although we do talk...a lot!"

And they have a lot to talk about...

Keyboardist/producer/composer/arranger Bob James has a career that spans four decades, highlighted by an astonishing run of Grammys, gold and platinum records, and groundbreaking musical advances.

Guitarist/producer/composer/arranger Lee Ritenour started his career as a top call session musician; his nearly 2,000 recording

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"GIRLFRIENDS" — (left to right) Mary "O", Darcus Speed and Janis Cater

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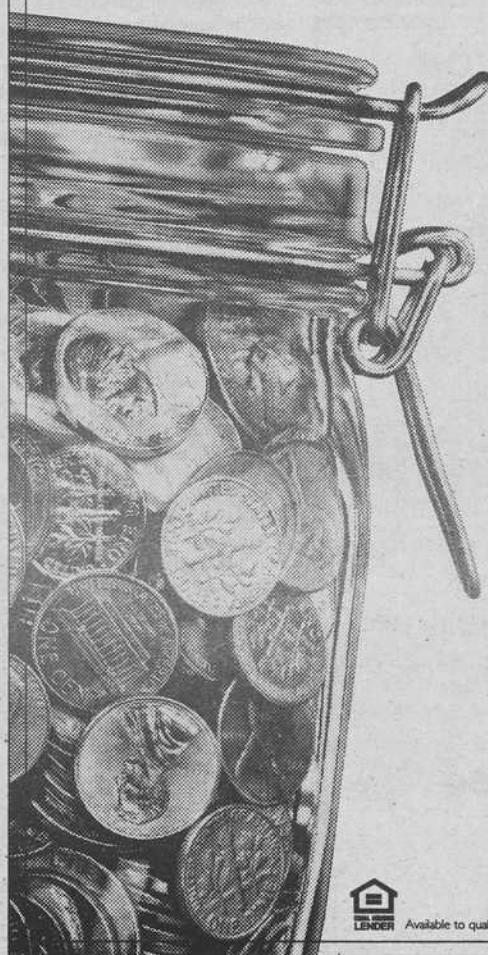
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