

From the Desk of

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Dear Scott,

Last night something really special happened on the Playhouse stage, and I just want to make sure that if you love jazz, blues and the American Songbook as much as I do, you won't miss it.

Freda Payne opened a two-week engagement in a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald. Now who doesn't love Ella Fitzgerald? And ever since my years as a disco devotee in New York in the 1980's, I have been a big fan of Freda. "Band of Gold", anyone?

None of this prepared me for the concert last night. From the extraordinary artistry of the band, led by the fabulous musical director Billy McDaniel, to Freda's supreme phrasing and vocal styling, the 90-minute concert received the most enthusiastic standing ovation we've seen in years. And though Freda says no one scats as well as Ella ... I think she more than gives the master a run for her money in Freda's own, very original way.

So if you are around through next Sunday Sept. 5, give the show a try. I know you won't be disappointed. There's a link below to get tickets!

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex".