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SWAY WITH ME: CROONING WITH MICHAEL COUMI

Michael Coumi

Holden Street Theatres

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Review by Luke Wagner

The Adelaide Fringe has grown to a massive event over the years, but the core of it has always been showcasing the great talent that our city produces. Michael Coumi is the poster child for Adelaide talent on the rise as he showcases his musicality and wit in "Sway With Me".

Coumi is no stranger to the stage having appeared in several musicals and theatre productions over the years. But here the set is pulled back, the orchestra is replaced with a 4-piece band and co-stars (apart from the band) are nowhere to be seen. Instead we have Coumi alone in his element without a character masking him. What the audience gets is a charming, funny and talented performer sharing his story from growing up as a young Greek tapdancer, to the mature and well-rounded performer that we see now.

Coumi shows his humour with some spirited jabs at his Greek upbringing and all the hairy side effects it brings. He also shows his wit with a comedic yet thoughtful rendition of Frank Sinatra's "My Way", with lyrics centred around his own stage career.

A tribute to Bojangles was a perfect addition to change the tone of the show and display another side of Coumi's range.

Coumi has presented a brilliant cabaret that has clearly struck a chord with festival goers as evident by the amount of sell out performances this show has had in its run. Be sure to book for the remaining shows.

Rating: 5 Stars (out of 5)