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Bob Petermann and Cowboy Tales 2017 Jersey Lilly audience.

"Cowboy Tales" in Ingomar - Western Magic!



Pre-show interview at radio station KIKC in Forsyth MT. Left to right: Sandy Matheny

From the moment folks stepped into the Jersey Lilly Bar and Saloon in Ingomar, MT Saturday night, magic happened. It was time for the western music/cowboy poetry event "Cowboy Tales" (produced by Camp IOU and the Jersey Lilly) to come to life. Performers cowboy poet/cowman Andrew Johnson, singer/songwriter Sandy Matheny Fennessy, and western ballad singer/songwriter Bob Petermann took the audience on an unforgettable journey and delivered a truly memorable event.

Fennessy, KIKC host Chris Rivera, Linda Lou Crosby.

Co-owner of the Jersey Lilly, June Nygren set out a wonderful meal, and had created

a backdrop that added sparkle to the evening. "It was a really friendly crowd," remarked Emily Olson of Winnett, "Great people and a warm atmosphere. And the performers displayed a huge amount of talent."



Andrew Johnson works the crowd.

Johnson, an eastern Montana cowboy through and through, had people on their toes from his first poem. Johnson is used to crowds and emerging events as he is a top Ranch Rodeo announcer, and performs cowboy poetry along the way. He displayed an impressive range of renditions, from the hilarious "Story With a Moral" written by Waddie Mitchell, to the emotion packed "Bronco Twister's Prayer" by Bruce Kiskaddon. "I think Andrew is going to be recognized as a great poet," added Ingomar Resident Morris Ware, "He's amazing."

Sandy Matheny Fennessy, of Whitefish, MT, with a home in Ingomar, wooed the crowd with

her beautiful contralto voice and songs like "They Call the Wind Mariah," and "Two Old Cowboys and Three Guitars" - a favorite she wrote about a rainy night at the Jersey Lilly. "Sandy has one of the most beautiful voices I have ever heard," said Ware.



Sandy Matheny Fennessy and Bob Petermann perform at "Cowboy Tales."

Bob Petermann from Wibaux (with two couples in the audience that came all the way from Baker MT to hear him sing) backed Sandy up at various times with fancy guitar moves, and entertained all with his melodious voice, including singing a song he wrote "The Wiregrass Blues", which had the audience laughing hysterically, to a song he first heard over the radio, and knew he had to learn, "Soldiers and Jesus", which brought tears to the eyes of many in the crowd.



Alice Cameron, KMUK reporter

"The three performers just meshed," added Olson. A surprising visit came from a "legendary" local station K-M-U-K (The MUCK - created by Camp IOU) roving reporter, portrayed by Alice Cameron of Ingomar. These stories were billed as "things you just will never hear anywhere else." No kidding. Chuckles came from performers as well as the audience, as Ima Rumpsprung (or whatever she called herself) regaled folks with one crazy story after another - although

one or two of the stories are allegedly based on the truth.

In a big moment towards the end of the evening, Petermann reminded folks that the Jersey Lilly had been recently inducted into the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame. Everybody cheered. The three performers then delivered a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" to close out the evening. "I love coming to Ingomar," remarked Petermann, as he moved his equipment to his vehicle, "You are playing to a group of people who really appreciate the West and the way of life we hold dear in Eastern Montana." Stay tuned for next year.

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That's all the news for now! Stay tuned...

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