

'No Show Jones' shows, satisfies loyal fans

Review by Mike Frost

It's been a long time since I've been to a country music concert. However, once the John Anderson-George Jones show got underway Sunday night at Lincoln's Pershing Auditorium, I immediately remembered all the things I liked — and disliked — about country performances.

It might be easier to start with the things I dislike. First and foremost, the sound at country concerts usually is quite poor. Sunday night's show was no exception. The amplifiers (I couldn't tell for sure, but I thought I saw the brand-name Mattel on one of them) barely picked up John Anderson's voice. On the other hand, it so over-amplified George Jones' distinctive drawl that the words he sang often were slightly less intelligible than a bus terminal announcement.

There also are some stage gimmicks country entertainers use that get on my nerves. They use the phrase "God bless each and every one of you" over and over. They clumsily work in the name of the city they're playing in to their songs. And they sell chintzy looking souvenir booklets.

This isn't meant to give the impression that the show was poor. In fact, the opposite is true. Jones is the archetypal country performer. To use a cliché, you can bet by his whiskey-stained voice that he has lived the songs he has sung.

His audience knows this. Throughout the show, there were veiled and not-so veiled references to Jones' tumultuous personal life. The show's opening song, "No Show Jones" made light of the reputation Jones has earned by not showing up for concerts because he's on a bender.

"Her Name Is..." was a thinly disguised ode to his ex-wife Tammy Wynette. James Taylor's "Bartender Blues" took on an eery tone considering Jones' well publicized bouts with the bottle.

The crowd ate it up. During one song, "Shine On" (an absurd love song which starts with "She may never make the pages of Playboy magazine...") members of Jones' band (called The Jones Boys, ironically enough) prodded members of the audience in to holding up their cigarette lighters. (Jones remarked, "They sure is purty, I hope we don't lose no fingers.") Sure, it's corny but it illustrates the fierce loyalty Jones (and many other country performers) holds over his audience.

Jones' set was relatively short, and neglected many of his biggest hits. However, his fans weren't complaining. Their idol gave them exactly what they wanted: 70 minutes of good, solid, tears-in-the-beer country music.

Opening act John Anderson, who recently skyrocketed to national prominence with his smash hit "Swingin'," was not as well received. At one point, the couple sitting in front of me remarked "His hair sure is long isn't it?"

Grooming habits notwithstanding, Anderson was unable to overcome the bad sound mix that plagued his set. It wasn't until his final song, "Swingin'," that he got the crowd's attention. By then, they were ready for George Jones.

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At the Sheldon

• Omaha artist Noreen Christon will unveil her most recent performance project, "Transmission: Persistence of Vision," tonight from 7 to 9. Included in Christon's work will be the cooperative efforts of five visual artists, all from Omaha and Lincoln, a musician and seven additional performers.

At the Kimball

• A concert by UNL composers Robert Beadell, Randall Snyder and William Ballenger will be presented tonight at 8. Among the works to be presented are Ballenger's "Unaccompanied Suite," performed by Ken Foster, alto sax, and Snyder's "Sonata," performed by pianists Larry Lusk and Tom Fritz.

Around Town

• Legend has it that John Belushi was first turned on to blues music when he heard the Robert Cray Band. Whether you choose to believe that, the band is widely regarded as one of the finest blues outfits around. They'll be at the Zoo, 136 N. 14th St., tonight.

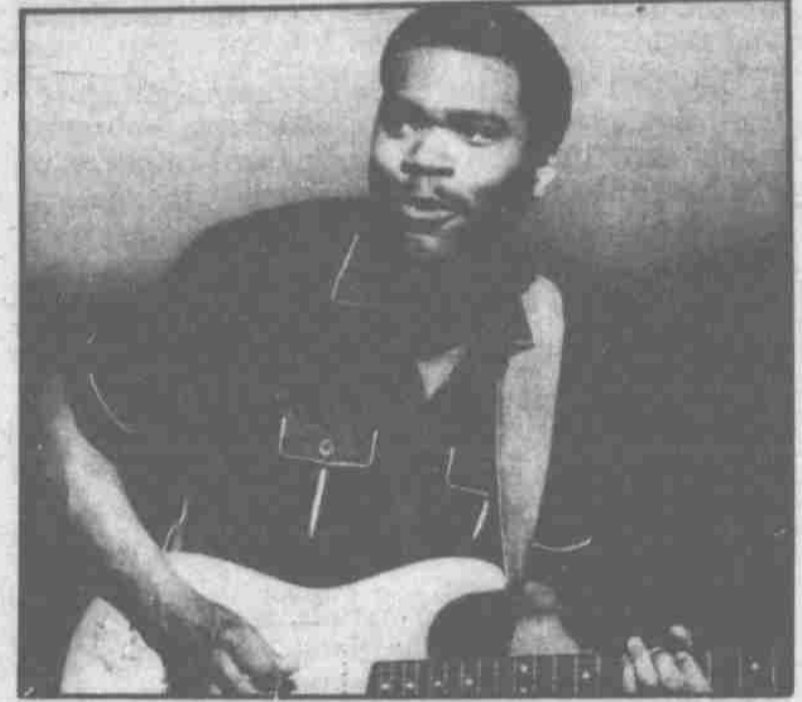
• Another band of note playing Lincoln tonight is the rock 'n' roll group, The Phones. This Minnesota band will be at the Drumstick, 547 No. 48th St.

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Two top bands, the Robert Cray Band (below) and The Phones will appear in Lincoln tonight. See Around Town.

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