

Peabo Bryson soared concert at Resorts World Genting with two fellow singing queens Regina Belle and Deniece Williams

Genting Highlands, 19th December - The king of soft-rock ballads Peabo Bryson together with two Grammy award-winning ladies, Regina Belle and Deniece Williams, mesmerised the crowd with their stunning voices at Resorts World Genting recently.

The concert at the Arena of Stars ignited with flames of love and contemporary music from the trio lasted about two and a half hours on the night of 17 December 2016. The concert left the fans all awed with satisfaction after the trio gave a dynamic 20 songs performance.

Titled "Peabo Bryson, Regina Belle, Deniece Williams Greatest Hits in Genting," the night attracted a substantial number of contemporary music lovers as the crowd cheered and sang along the way. Bryson kicked off the concert with opening songs, *Reaching For The Sky*, *If Ever You're In My Arms Again* and *Tonight I Celebrate My Love*. The legendary vocalist continued with favourites such as *Can You Stop The Rain*, *I'll Be Over You*, a solo guitar version of Sade's *King of Sorrow*, *Show and Tell*, *Beauty And The Beast* and *You Can Have Me Anytime*.

Bryson did not disappoint his fans as he came down halfway through his performance to embrace some of his audience, drawing enthusiastic cheers and whistling particularly from those seated in front. Audience were seen flocking and swarming around the singer, each trying to get selfies with the singer. One would think that Bryson would attract the ladies, but surprisingly, groups of men were also seen rushing for pictures with him and some a hand shake.

Bryson is known to sing soft-rock ballads which he often does in duets with female singers. He also spoke about his collaboration with Celine Dion on the song *Beauty and the Beast* in 1992 that earned him a Grammy award. A year later, he also received a Grammy award for his performance on Aladdin's theme song, "A Whole New World" which he did with Regina Belle.

Possessing a beautifully rich voice, the South Carolina-born Grammy award winner who is no stranger to performing in Malaysia, survived and prospered despite the passage of time and changes in popular musical trends.

The concert saw the popular Deniece Williams, who took the stage next where she sang *Truly Amazing*, *Cause You Love Me*, *Gonna Take A Miracle*, *A Merry Little Christmas* and not forgetting hot favourite *Let's Hear It For The Boys*.

Williams also shared with the audience about her humble beginnings singing in the church since she was 13 years old and hinted that she was not allowed by her family to sing any other songs. It was not until she sang *Truly Amazing* that saw her shot to fame. She expressed her blessings for being in Malaysia for the first time and hope she can come back more often. Her fans had

been waiting for this occasion for a long time and every song she performed drew cheers and shouts of approvals from the audience.

Williams spent a decade at the top of the soul charts, winning acclaim for both her four-octave range and delivery style with a fixture of urban and pop radio formats in the 1980s. The American singer-songwriter and record producer is also a Grammy Award winner, bagging the award for the song, *I Surrender* in 1984, and another one for *I Believe in You* in 1987. Her duet with Bryson titled *Too Much, Too Little, Too Late* was the highlight of the duo's performance.

The night at the Arena of Stars was further sweetened when Regina Belle also stepped onto the stage for the first time in Malaysia with her own hits singles such as *You Know How To Love Me* and *Make It Like It Was*.

Her energy was amazing and even got some of the crowd dancing as she serenaded the audience with her classics *If I Could*, *Baby Come To Me* and *The Christmas Song* dedicated to them. Elegantly dressed, Williams also did a duet Bryson with the award winning and all time Disney favourite soundtrack *A Whole New World*.

The concert came to an end with Bryson calling the crowd to dance along with Bryson's version of *Aint' Nobody*, *A Song For You (dedicated to the late Leon Russell)* and a trio performance with Regina Belle and Deniece Williams with the song *This Christmas*. The trio also distributed roses to the audience as a token of appreciation of their unwavering support.

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