

EVENT #47 - Twintastic

“Amazing, Dynamic, Diverse, Musically Sharp & Funny – “Twintastic” Is The Edwards Twins Evening of Entertainment Perfection!”

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North Hollywood is the location! The magnificent El Portal Theatre is the place! “TWINTASTIC” is the colorfully amazing show! It’s something that you have to see to believe. Two identical twin brothers - who were born in Burbank, California, - have perfected a truly entertaining evening of music, song, dance, comedy and it is quite literally “STAR-Studded”. Travelling the world, Eddie and Anthony Edwards are two of the most versatile, talented and entraining ‘Celebrity Illusionists’ (as they very appropriately call themselves) you’ll ever see performing on stage.

Yes, I am sure you have seen or heard of ‘drag shows’ or lip-syncing celebrity imitators – but Eddie and Anthony are the REAL deal. It’s all their voices, their mannerism and their perfect duplication of celebrities personas who you will – more than likely – probably never see the original artists perform live and in front of you like this – in one night – on one stage. Mainly because some these legends have passed on and it would be just too expensive to see all these celebrities even in one year let alone on one stage together! Add the charming humor, warmth and extremely friendliness they bring to each of their audiences and you have a family friendly celebrity extravaganza of fun and music for everyone of all ages!

Eddie Edwards has an amazing talent for make-up, hair design and pitch-perfect duplication of some of the most amazing performing icons in the entertainment industry. His personifications include; Celine Dion - who in his movements and attitude will just amaze you with how you can’t believe it’s really NOT the actual Celine; Cher – who, upon entering through the center curtain. just brought down the house. Her make-up, her movements, her famous Cher tongue ‘smack’ and I can’t even begin to describe the incredible outfit (and tattoos)he has designed for her; Barbara Streisand – who he literally warmed the audience to cheers, sniffles and then to a roaring applause with every song he sang of hers. Her hair, sweet gentle persona and mannerisms and beautiful outfits will make you believe you just saw the living legend known as ‘Babs’ in concert.

Now, when it comes to creativity, inventiveness and talent – Eddie does this Barbara Streisand - AND - Michael Crawford duet from “Phantom Of The Opera” playing both characters at the SAME time! Yes, to a thunderous applause and cheers – one side of his make-up, hair and outfit is the legendary ‘Babs’ while he flips to his other side and is the iconic Phantom with a different hair, make-up and outfit (including flowing Phantom cape and mask)

Anthony Edwards takes the stage and you would swear there’s a magic changing chamber backstage (and on stage at times) to where he vocally and visually transforms into the artists; Stevie Wonder – Yes, the African American musical icon, complete with dreads, sings your way into your hearts and does it with lots of audience participation; One musical cue later and he transforms into - Ray Charles – and sings the blues with such passion and soul that you’d won’t believe how this white skinned performer makes the color changeover and looks, acts and sings just like him ; Now in ‘Medley of Greatest Hits’ style of delivery, Anthony gives us his impressive vocal lineage in the forms of Lee Greenwood/Rod Stewart/Frankie Valli/ Barry Gibb/Elvis/Tina Turner/Dean Martin/Julie Andrews/Roy Orbison/Neil Diamond/Kermit The Frog (yes even a Muppet) and Tom Jones – some with props, some with looks and attitude and some with the most incredibly accurate sounding impressions of all the above musical legends. As he explains,

he wanted to give the audience more of a sampling of what they can do and how the show is different every time you see them as they travel around the world. Each he explains does have their own costume changes and make-ups, but for the sake of time and entertaining the audience, dressing in his black-tie, he did all the aforementioned celebrities.

Okay – yes they even do duets; The amazing voice of Andre Bocelli (Anthony) and Barbara Streisand (Eddie) singing “The Prayer” – once again brought the house to a thunderous applause. Also early in the show was the one and only couple Sonny (Anthony) & Cher (Eddie) singing their classics like “I Got You Babe” and so many more. Finally and at the end of their show, as themselves, the two brothers sing “You and Me” from “Victor/Victoria” with such charm and warmth that the entire audience rose to their feet in applause and admiration for their tireless performance for the evening.

And there is a wonderful DVD and CD of their show they offer for purchase after their performances and what makes these items particularly special is that they contain a dynamic look at the making, designing and tremendous amount of work that goes into each celebrity that they imitate. There is no lip syncing, no separate tracking of pre-recorded voices and more importantly the vocal ranges these brothers have to perform all these celebrities will just astound you.

I must also say I had the opportunity of meeting Eddie and Anthony after the show and was amazed at their extremely organized, incredible detailed and understood where all this wonderfully charged artistic integrity comes from. They are artists – not only on stage, but behind the scenes. Working with the composers and arranges for the wonderfully orchestrated background music to working with sound and lighting to make picture perfect’ performances.

If you want an evening that is filled with modern and classic legendary performers, classic and contemporary songs and an evening where you can literally say you saw Barbara Streisand, Stevie Wonder, Andrea Bocelli, Ray Charles, Frankie Valli, Billy Joel, Neil Diamond, Dena Martin, Celine Dion, Cher and literally tons more all on the same stage, then the “TWINTASTIC” show of the twin brothers Eddie Edwards and Anthony Edwards is the must see show for you! Currently at the magnificent El Portal in North Hollywood – run and see them, please! Check them out at www.TheEdwardsTwins.com and tell them Lorenzo Marchessi of The Geek Authority sent you! (www.Facebook.com/TheGeekAuthority)

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“TWINTASTIC”

Eddie Edwards & Anthony Edwards

Eddie Edwards as Cher
in **TWINTASTIC**

Anthony Edwards as Billy Joel
in **TWINTASTIC**

Eddie Edwards as Barbra
in **TWINTASTIC**