

ENTERTAINMENT

MJ LIVE captures the essence of Michael Jackson's performances at the Rio All-Suites Hotel

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Photos by Sandy Zimmerman
during the concert

Focusing on Michael Jackson's incredible talents, his creativity and originality, MJ LIVE transports the audience back to an evening with Michael Jackson

Michael Jackson's total "look" becomes multi-dimensional. His hair styles, face, costumes, signature gestures, singing, dancing and all of the other details were authentically recreated for the audience.

The show is co-produced by long-time entertainment industry producer Dick Feeney and Darin Feinstein, a venture capitalist and owner of Black Star Investments based in Las Vegas. They added all of the pizzazz, glamour, drama and high voltage energy of Michael Jackson's performance. All of the pieces come together in this elaborate production.

MJ LIVE brings the entire Michael Jackson experience within their lavish production.

The number one Michael Jackson tribute show in the world featuring all his biggest hits including "Thriller," "Bad," "Beat It," "Billie Jean," "Dangerous," "Black & White," "Smooth Criminal," "I Want You Back" and most of his other classic hits are included.

This powerful rendition of Michael's music honors him as one of the greatest artists of his time. Each of the four Michael Jackson impressionists appear on their own scheduled nights to amaze the audience.

The King of pop music began his career at the age of five as the lead singer of the Jackson 5 (1964). By 1968, the group signed with Motown Records with "I'll Be There" and other number one hits. The Jackson 5 recorded 13 albums



and Michael recorded 4 solo albums.

After leaving Motown Records, they changed their name back to the

Jacksons.

Michael's great talents were recognized when he made his debut starring in the musical "The Wiz"

(1977) playing the Scarecrow with Diana Ross in the leading role as Dorothy. Fate played a part as Michael met Quincy Jones who was

involved in scoring the film.

For Michael's next successful step, Quincy produced his first solo album with Epic Records entitled "Off the Wall." This album broke records with four number-one singles.

Michael Jackson's proud legacy influenced the music scene around the world.

For information, call (702) 777-2782. MJ LIVE appears in the Crown Theater, with 4:30 (June 16 to August 31) and 9 PM shows daily, in the Rio All Suites Hotel & Casino, 3700 W. Flamingo Road. \$50.95 plus tax and fees General Admission; \$62.95 plus tax and fees VIP; \$72.95 plus tax and fees Golden Circle. Call Ticketmaster (800) 745-3000. And kids age 12 and under are FREE with every paid adult ticket! For additional information go to the website <http://www.riolasvegas.com/>

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