

Sonny & Perley

***Melodic, rhythmic* and *sensual* represent frequent descriptions of the very special married team of keyboardist Sonny Daye and vocalist Perley Rousseau, one of the most popular and exciting musical attractions in the Capital District.**

They engagingly perform the timeless standards of the great American songbook composers like Irving Berlin and the Gershwins, compelling jazz classics by legends like Charlie Parker and John Coltrane as well as irresistible Brazilian melodies by Antonio Carlos Jobim and Ivan Lins, among others.

Perley's beautifully rich voice, with the emotional power, swing and improvisational feel of a true jazz singer, also enunciates English lyrics with bell like clarity and Portuguese lyrics with an authenticity that leads Brazilians hearing their CD's to mistake her for a native. She does all this with a captivating effervescence and saucy stage presence, effectively accented by an intriguing assortment of exotic instruments.

Sonny's very facile, slightly percussive keyboard work and appealing arrangements are also key components of their crowd pleasing presentation. Depending on the venue, they sometimes also utilize the extraordinary percussionist Brian Melick, with his dozens of fascinating instruments, or an excellent compliment of musicians on bass, drums and saxophone to create an even fuller array of possible dynamics, colors and shadings.

Their website, www.sonnyandperley.com, provides a good deal more information, including their two CD's, "Love Dance" and "East of the Sun".

Tom Pierce, the Jazz Observer