



In Tune: Dave's True Story; Live at The Bayou in Mt. Vernon By Tom Bock

This was my first visit to The Bayou, at 580 Gramatan Avenue, in Mt. Vernon. The Bayou has been offering an eclectic array of musical entertainment on a regular basis for about fifteen years. By all outward appearances, this is an intimate restaurant, offering Cajun style food and a neighborhood presence. If music isn't your thing, the interesting decor will keep your conversation alive for the duration of your visit. The staff I interacted with was pleasant and non-invasive as I listened to **Dave's True Story's** performance. If you've read my previous review of this group's latest CD, **Nature** you know it's a terrific CD. I wanted to hear for myself if it could triumph the test of a live performance. Many groups will massage a weak performance in the studio to create a passable CD, only to fail miserably with their live performances. **Dave's True Story** proved they have the chops and will competently deliver! Their show had vocal power with Kelly Flint's smooth, sultry, sensual and at the same time powerful voice. To hear her sing is worth the trip alone. The rest of the band supplemented an already tight, well-developed sound.



Dave's True Story did a number of songs from their latest CD, **Nature**. But they also did a few songs from their **Simple Twist of Fate**, CD. This is a Bob Dylan "cover" CD. Again, Kelly Flint makes this CD an exceptional one with her vocal abilities. Her voice, quite the opposite from Dylan's, adds a flavor to these classic songs that I'm sure Dylan would never have expected. After hearing her, I'm sure Dylan would be thrilled with her interpretations. The combination of songs from all of their CD's, the songs from the movie *Kissing Jessica Stein*, and their own seasoning made for a delightful evening.

Their next "local" performances will be in NYC, at the Living Room, in March. If you're seeking a new, fresh sound without all the trappings that typically hide good musical performances, this is one group to make the effort for.

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