

High heels, late nights

Getting whipped into shape at **BEATCAMP**

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The BeatGirls have a reputation for putting on a real feel good show that has punters coming back for more. So naturally I was quite intrigued by what exactly makes this girl group so special. Lucky for me, my chance to see just what all the fuss is about arose with their show BEATCamp returning to Circa Theatre.

Before I went along I mentally ran through what I know about the BeatGirls – they're a popular all girl group that sings covers and whose performances evoke old school glamour and sophistication. My expectation was that the show was going to be like a concert where they performed covers of songs, old and new and where gorgeous costumes.

But I discovered that the show is so much more than a concert. It's an entertaining two hours of humour, various costume changes, story telling through song and impersonation of well known performers. I never once looked at my watch thinking "Is it almost finished?". The show was so much fun.

The performers – Andrea Sanders, Kali Kopae and Ainslie Allen are absolutely brilliant. They're voices are amazing and I was impressed with their vocal diversity. They were able to sing songs throughout the eras and hit the tone

beautifully. They all looked like they were having a great time performing and had the audience clapping and laughing. There were silly parts, serious parts and downright naughty parts.

My favourite part of the show was when Kali performed songs by Amy Winehouse, backed by Andrea and Ainslie performing Motown hits which were likely Amy's inspiration. The combination was electric. To make it all the more impressive, Kali really got into character by acting as the drunken Amy. How she managed to sing so well while stumbling around 'drunk' is beyond me. Her performance was fantastic.

I now know why the BeatGirl shows sell out. I had heaps of fun and loved every part of the show. You can't help but leave the show with a smile on your face and a song stuck in your head. I'm definitely going to go see them the next time they put on a show at Circa.