

SIX

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Synergy syn·er·gy sĭn'ər-jē (from the Greek syn-ergo, συνεργός meaning working together) a situation where the final outcome is greater than the sum of it's parts.

My initial introduction to the Knudsen brothers (a.k.a. SIX) was one hot southern California summer afternoon at the Orange County Fair. In an effort to cool off, we herded our children toward the water mist area near the gazebo, an open air stage situated among the funnel cakes and onion blossoms.

First to catch our attention were the drums—which we could hear but not see. Investigating, we discovered six vocalists—but no instruments—belting out Beach Boys tunes. Thinking this was just another wannabe group singing to a background CD, we started to wander away ... when my husband was snared by the snare. These drum sounds were coming from one of the vocalists. Remarkable! We were hooked. All instrumental sounds were

vocalizations by the talented brothers.

Riveted by both sound and music, we remained at the gazebo, hoping to experience more of this dynamic talent. We were not disappointed.

Fast forward a few years, add some Las Vegas sophistication and international polish and you have SIX, the hippest show in Branson!



As primed as I was for the novelty of their music, I was not prepared for the sheer throbbing energy of the audience at this show. Within seconds of the explosive opening, the vitality and animation of SIX ignites the audience and the audience's enthusiastic response fuels SIX until everyone finds themselves caught up in the rush. Punctuated with humor, perpetual motion and downright absorbing musical selections, the first half of this show categorically flies. By intermission this crowd had already been on a wild, adrenaline-pumping ride.

These six real brothers—the first six of ten sons of the same father/same mother—are phenomenally talented. With the distinct vocal blend of siblings, nonetheless each brother brings a unique ingredient to this charged, energetic entertainment.

Showing their phenomenal versatility, they slow the tempo in the second half

with a touching tribute to their mother Joyce, *With Love Times Ten*. Written by brother Lynn, this beautiful homage displays the multi-faceted artistry of these brothers.

SIX is a total experience that you don't want to miss! See them at the Hughs Brothers Teater. ✧



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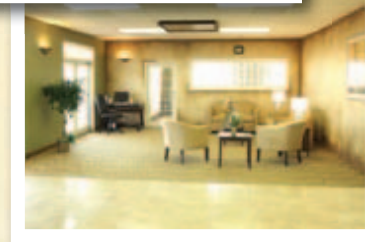


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