

Review And Photographs From The
Mike Aiken Concert
July 29th, 2006 at Smithfield Little Theatre

Mike Aiken and his band sailed into the Smithfield Little Theatre and took the audience on a musical excursion that would convince even the most steadfast landlubber that if they went out and got a sailboat and a guitar that the world would be a better place. And according to Mike and lucky audience member, Jo Fowler, you might as well make that guitar a Takamine. Jo was the winner of the guitar donated by Takamine (one of Mike Aiken's sponsors) that was raffled off that night.

It was a great night for music as Mike performed 2 sets offering everything from upbeat original blues songs to traditional sea songs but with a flavor that made the songs seem the band's own. Tight harmonies were presented all through the night and the audience showed their appreciation after each song which just seemed to get the band to give more of themselves all to the crowd's delight. Mike shared a number of background stories that gave the audience an insight into the songs that you can only get from a live performance. As the night progressed a relationship evolved that translated to a joyful experience for both the audience and the artists.

Each member of the band did an outstanding job and it was quickly evident that this band enjoyed what it was doing which made it a real treat for the audience. Amy Aiken on vocals and percussion was also a pretty good story teller of her own as she made sure that the crowd knew something about each member of the band before the night was over. Mark, on harmonica, Ben, on bass, and Jeff on drums, percussion and vocals made the stage alive with a full sound eagerly accepted by their new and old fans.

After two encores the musical adventure docked and the theatre voiced its hope for a return journey in the future.

