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Savion Glover: “Bare Soundz” Review

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A group of high school students gathered around the lobby, slowly approaching the closed doors that lead to a great room full of empty chairs that were soon filled with people of all ages. Savion Glover was performing and I didn't know what to expect since I had never attended a dance performance, let alone a tap dance performance. The lights slowly dimmed before us while the crowd that slightly roared seemed to calm a bit. The red drapes revealed Savion and his two back up dancers who quickly began performing repertoire with which they were familiar.

I was quite excited to get seated and enjoy the show; the stage was set up in an orderly but satisfying way, Savion was placed in the middle just a bit further to the front and edge of the stage while the others were behind. The tap dancers' incredible stamina made me question their choice of clothing, for a moment I thought they would easily rip their pants.

The beats and movements they made were very impressive because they continuously tapped their feet on the wooden plates that transmitted a musical thump to the audience before them. The backup dancers followed every single command or movement and even managed to create a repeated sequence of rhythm that was followed by comical body gestures that the crowd cheered on. It was incredible to watch a human trio contain that much energy and durability. I tried putting myself in their shoes and just couldn't help but say to myself “Wow! I would never have that much strength to dance like that.”

The sounds created by the tap dancers could have fooled anyone into believing that they were playing the drums with their hands and not tapping with their feet. I would definitely encourage anyone to attend a production similar to this one because it is truly entertaining to watch such a simple style of dance that offers much more than just a visual and aural spectacle.

This production was performed at the University of Arizona's Centennial Hall. There are many restaurants, parking spaces, stores, and people surrounding the area. The cost of this show and many others vary in price from \$25 and up. I recommend watching any show that interests you to experience a great act.