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T.S. Monk: “Monk on Monk”

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T.S. Monk: “Monk on Monk” was a jazz concert in which T.S. Monk, the son of Thelonius Sphere Monk, paid tribute to his father for his 80th birthday. T.S. Monk definitely kept the audience engaged with his entertaining introductions and music. Even to a non-jazz audience like me, the music was catchy, fun and made you want to get out of your seat and dance!

This was definitely very entertaining with a well-organized schedule. Divided into 45 minute halves, it enabled me to enjoy the concert without having to take a break and miss parts.

T.S. Monk’s introductions kept the audience engaged-- through his humor, short stories about his life, and the background behind each piece of music. T.S. Monk performed with world renowned musicians, who were definitely able to do justice to the work of art produced by Thelonius Sphere Monk, regardless of the difficulty level of the pieces. The musicians’ solos were flawless!

Overall, this was a very well organized event which kept the audience involved throughout it all. Additionally, the warm greetings from the ticket collectors and ushers provided the ‘cherry on top’ for my experience at this jazz concert. The *Monk on Monk* concert definitely sparked my interest in jazz music and I would recommend this concert to everyone.