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Even if you were naughty all year long, if you attended the 15th Annual Dave Koz Christmas show last Thursday at the Palace Theatre you were treated to a spectacular show that was full of joy and some sparkling sounds of the season.

As usual, Koz always brings along a boatload of friends to help make the season brighter. Riding along in the jazzy sleigh with Koz this year was the funkiest drummer/percussionist ever born, Sheila E., master pianist David Benoit and newcomer Javier Colon, winner from The Voice television competition.

The magical evening had Koz and friends spinning straw into gold as they toyed around with the same old Christmas songs that have accompanied Christmas ever since Santa appeared on the scene. This year though they all took on a life of their own.

The songs were electrified times ten though, as this band of gypsies gave it all that they had and that was enough to set the mood for a solid set of holiday cheer. The concert offered the opportunity for each unique artist on the roster to do a solo set and then to stand side-by-side with a crew of other musical heavy-weighs.

“Little Drummer Boy”, “The Christmas Song” “Silent Night”, and all of the tunes that heighten our spirits during this special time of year rang out from the halls of the Palace and spilled out into the streets.

As concertgoers departed from the edifice, it seemed as though the mood was a bit more pleasant as hugs and goodbyes lasted longer than normal. Yes, it has always been said that music has a way of bring folks together and so does Dave Koz and his family of funky musicians.