

CABARETSCENES

Lua Hadar

It's About Time, Already!

Tom Rolla's Gardenia



In an exuberant celebration of the middle third of life, Lua Hadar worked her lovely soprano voice around a good mix of standards and contemporary material. Opening with a powerful up tempo medley of *While We're Young* and *The Song is You*, she set the stage for a confident rendering of time-themed material. She was able to make the familiar sound fresh and her choice of new material fit comfortably within the theme of her show at Tom Rolla's Gardenia. Her well-received version of Frank Wildhorn and Jack Murphy's *It's Time* demonstrated that she can easily get to the emotional heart of a ballad. The show's comic moments were highlighted by Nancy Fox and Woody Weingarten's *Too Old to Ingenu* and Mel Brook's *I'm Tired from Blazing Saddles*. Her patter moved things along nicely and she received strong support from the Jason Martineau Jazz Trio. Martineau added further to the evening by having written two of the songs.

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