



SIMON KIRKE

REVIEWS:

The Gwinnett Center Arena, Atlanta, GA

September 10, 2004 (Friday)

An Evening with Simon Kirke and John Waite

What a wonderful evening! When we arrived at the Gwinnett Center, fans of Simon and John Waite were already there, waiting in anticipation for the show to begin. It was great to meet up with some of my ARN (All Right Now) friends that I haven't seen since last year.

Carl Dunn was also there selling his book, "This is Rock and Roll", which has many pictures of Free, Bad Company and Simon, along with other great musicians. It's an excellent piece of rock and roll history. Kitty Snyder opened up the evening with her mellow, acoustical brand of folk/rock, which was very enjoyable. Kitty was an excellent choice as a lead in for Simon.

After a brief intermission, Simon, with that great smile and personality of his, took the stage along with Larry Oakes and the fans cheered. Simon introduced all the fans to some new original songs as well as a great blend of Free and Bad Company songs. Some highlights of the evening were Simon's originals, "Weep No More", "Angel In My Eyes" and "Going Home". Simon totally did these songs justice in a new and fresh way that was all his own. His vocals, guitar and keyboards were all solid. What a great musician and an excellent front man. His humor and personality shined through as we were all on the edge of our seats in anticipation of the next song. Simon was all that we expected and even more!

Thanks Simon for an outstanding performance... can't wait until the next show!

To end the evening, John Waite took the stage with a full band to accompany him and did an excellent job. He performed some of his greatest hits with the Baby's and also from his new CD, "The Hard Way". He showed a great sense of humor while interacting with the audience, which made the whole John Waite experience a lot of fun.

Great show!

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