

Sammy Hagar rocks all in red

By NICK CHARLES

review

The red hot rocker, Sammy Hagar, kept the crowd miles from boredom during his concert Thursday at Pine Knob Music Theatre in Clarkston.

Hagar opened the show with a song from his "Street Machine" album called "Trans Am (Highway Wonderland)."

He was dressed in a red jumpsuit and red shoes as he drilled "Love or Money" into his red guitar. He personally invited all the people on the hills to fill up the seated area and the fans were eager to do so.

He played one of his space concept songs called "In the Night (Entering the Danger Zone)" from his new album "Danger Zone" (Capitol records).

As the concert went on, the weather bureau searched the skies for tornadoes, while the crowd knew all along that the tornado was on stage dressed in red.

"IN THE NIGHT" contained some moody Robin Trower-type guitar licks that Sammy accented with his gut-rapping vocals. This song led into Donovan Leitch's "Young Girl Blues" from Ha-

gar's first solo album, "Nine on a Ten Scale."

Tears and notes are the same thing when Hagar plays guitar on on this moving song. Fellow guitarist Garry Pihl did double guitar leads with Hagar as bassist Bill Church and drummer Chuck Ruff kept the rhythm.

Hagar ran up and down the ramp that bordered the stage, singing "Plain Jane" and "This Planet's on Fire (Burn in Hell)" from "Street Machine."

New tunes like "20th Century Man" and "The Ice Man" were enjoyed by the crowd, as well as Sammy's great rock-er "Turn Up the Music," from his third album "Musical Chairs."

Hagar, who was grinning from ear to ear during most of his songs, yelled out, "Let's turn the whole state of Michigan red!" This was obviously the introduction to "Red," which Hagar dedicated to his favorite color on his second album.

HE CAME OUT with "Bad Motor Scooter" and "Space Station Number Five" for his two encores.

During an interview after the show Hagar revealed plans for an upcoming tour.

"I'll have a real elaborate stage set that will be worth looking at for 20 minutes by itself," he said.

Hagar plans on creating a stage show containing all his space concept songs that will not only tell a story but will take the audience on a journey away from reality.

"I'll just be better, that's all," he said. "I'll be everything you see out there, only to the maximum, with all the props and a deeper meaning. It will

be rock and roll and more."

SOME OF THE SONGS included in the space show will be "In the Night," "This Planet's on Fire," "Silver Lights," "Someone Out There," and "Crack in the World."

"I want to do a film with it because I think it's worth it," Hagar said.

The songs have a chronological order and a plot, so Hagar thinks it would make an exciting movie. Unfortunately, we're all going to have to wait one or two years for Hagar to bring all his ideas to life.

Until then, Hagar said, "I think I'll just make records for my fans until they die."



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