

3 Coins

The Admirals A Lounge Act With Punch

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A showgroup this large has to be good if they're going to split their take 10 ways.

The Admirals, now appearing at the 3 Coins, 1620 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda, don't look like they're working for peanuts and they shouldn't be. The band is a tight lounge act serving up three dance sets as well as two floor shows per night (through next Sunday).

The dance set consist of mostly off-the-record arrangements of tunes like "I Honestly Love You" and "The Hustle." A snappy arrangement by trumpeter Ray Disney sparks a disco version of "Babyface" and a dramatic, horns-blaring combination of "Thus Sprake Zarathustra" and the uptempo instrumental part of "MacArthur Park" is clever.

The two floor shows include a 40s big band medley consisting of Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey favorites and a traditional '50s rock medley.

There's also some good-natured horsing around with Spike Jones' classic arrangement of "Cocktails for Two" in which members of the audience are invited up to play the horn, cymbals and gong.

It's all good fun and familiar music. The 10 gentlemen move things along with a punchy unity and a hair stylist who should get equal billing.