

MUSIC

Steel Pulse enchants crowd

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The vibes were positive, the melodies sweet, and the crowd more than a bit happy as Steel Pulse enchanted all with jammin', conscious cuts from old and new eras.

After the African Kings pleased the sold-out crowd Monday with a sample taste of what was to come, Steel Pulse offered a tempting platter of colorfully mixed old tunes and some new stuff off their latest release, VEX.

The new album reflects a return to the band's beginning, when they formed in England nearly 20 years ago. Steel Pulse's first few albums resonate with message-packed lyrics to educate the people on the cruel injustices of racism and poverty, sprinkled throughout with words of universal love and kindness.

With VEX, the band seems to have returned to its politically and musically charged past with similar message-related lyrics coupled with even more colorful and infectious-groovin' sounds of the fiery guitar, regal horns and intense drum sessions.

New lead vocalist David Hines adds an upbeat and melodic component to the band. Besides his powerful voice, he had a lot of fun with the crowd.

Margaret McDonald, a Eugene fan, was impressed by the band's energy.

"Because they were really into creating the vibes for the crowd, everybody really had a good time," McDonald said.



Steel Pulse played old and new songs to a sold out audience Monday.

Tommy Lee Jones' directorial debut airs Sunday night

NEW YORK (AP) — Tommy Lee Jones, one of this generation's finest actors, finally has met his equal among film directors.

All he needed, apparently, was a mirror.

Jones makes a spectacular directorial debut in *The Good Old Boys*, airing Sunday on cable's TNT. It just might be the best TV movie you're likely to see this year.

"I'm very happy doing both jobs. One informs the other," the director-star said in publicity interviews. "And I have a direct line to the lead actor: He does exactly as I tell him."

Superbly, too, as does the extravagantly talented cast who flocked to Jones' project for the chance to work with him: Sissy Spacek, Sam Shepard, Wilford Brimley, Frances McDormand, Park Overall and Terry Kinney.

Set in 1906's West Texas, *Good Old Boys* is about the end of an era, but avoids the obvious, sentimental treatment the theme frequently receives.

Instead, Jones creates a remarkably vivid, detailed portrait of a time, a place and a people at a historic moment, when the Old West was beginning to fade and the automobile was still something that scared the horses.

Jones plays Hewey Calloway, a bit of a rounder and a fair hand, who loves the cowboy life.

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