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I've seen a lot of theater in my time, and never have I seen an audience get so involved as I did last night at the Covey Center for the Arts' production of *Artrageous* in Provo. Honestly, everyone, from tiny kiddo to the most mature of grandparents were up dancing, singing, clapping. It was wild.

Artrageous is a group of people who are bringing all types of arts onto one stage. Not only do they have singing and dancing, but actually painting onstage. Before our eyes, their painters created huge wall-sized painting of such icons as John Lennon, Frank Sinatra (the blue in his eyes was awesome), Marilyn Monroe, and Albert Einstein. The artists put their own flair on it by throwing splashes of paint around each portrait. During the painting, others are singing and dancing. The entire stage becomes Art with a capital

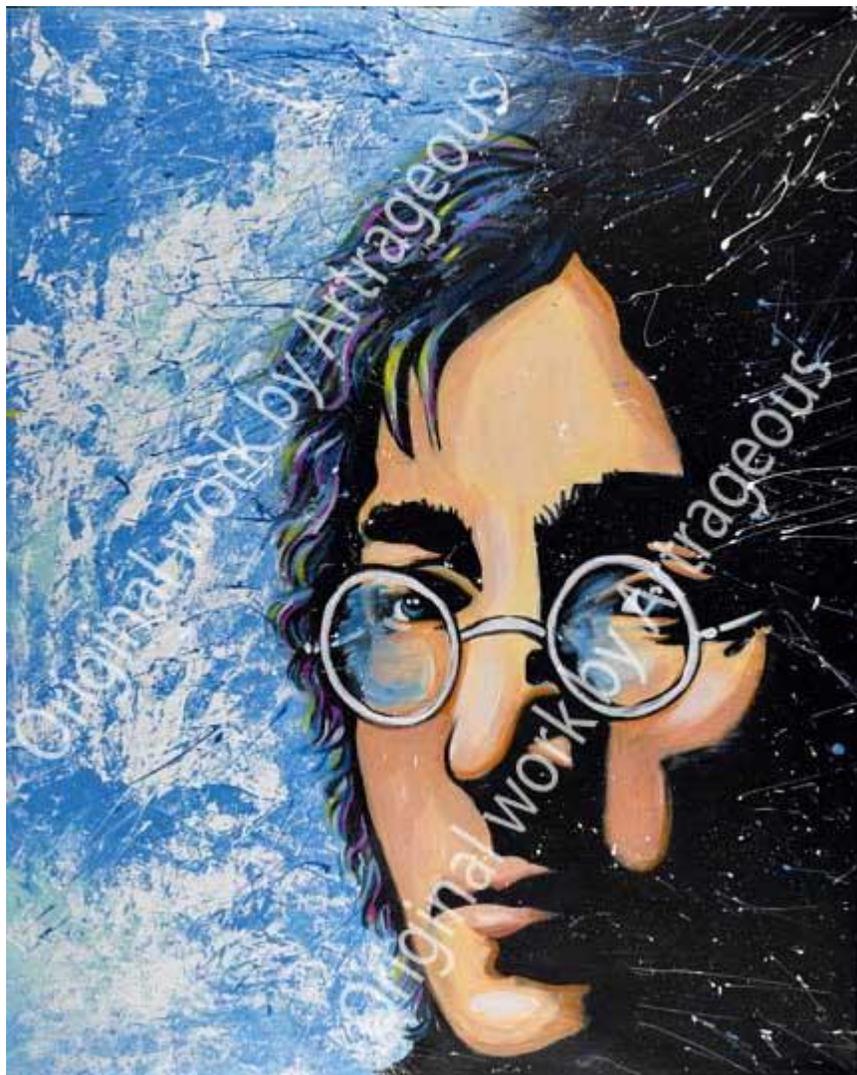
A. It is fantastic.



The performers ask people to come up and dance with them and those who were asked were darling. But really, everyone was dancing in the aisles and at their seats. How could we not? They gave us bubble wrap to put on the floor and stomp. It was really fun. And noisy! Two key singers dominated the stage with their powerful voices. The woman singer sang an opera piece and it was amazing. All those kiddos in the audience may have never heard such a lovely piece of classical music before. Well played, *Artrageous*.

My favorite piece in the production was toward the end when the performers all dressed in black and blacklight colored clothing. The artists (two of them) painted Van Gogh's "The Starry Night." I wondered what they did with their paintings and wondered what I would do with something that huge if I owned it.

But boy, I'd find a place for it, that's for sure.



Artrageous has been around for 30 years, so their production was tight and well-executed. My only complaints are that their intermission seemed remarkably long and the kids from the audience were tearing all over the Covey's foyers and hallways. But it was fun to see some kids wearing the bubble wrap around their clothes and streamers on their heads and wrists. The kids LOVED this show. Also, it wasn't as well attended as I'd hoped. This is really a fun family activity and the place should have been packed.

If you have a chance to see this troupe, don't delay. They are great. Please go to the Covey's website and Facebook page for their upcoming events. They put on a great family-friendly show every time.



The Covey Center for the Arts presented *Artrageous*

Covey Center for the Arts, 425 W. Center Street, Provo, Utah 84603

November 2, 7:30 PM

Tickets: \$20, or \$40 family pack (includes 2 adults and 4 children), coveycenter.org, in person, or by calling 801-852-7007

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