

Tom Jonesing



Tom Jones... *and beyond*

SF duo rocks the old chestnuts

By Javier Endaway

For nine years, Tom Jonesing was a 10 piece rock & roll juggernaut that prowled the high and low life establishments of San Francisco. Sporting a horn section, three backup vocalists, and any number of unlicensed and extremely dangerous go-go dancers, Tom Jonesing rocked the music of Tom Jones from his pre-disco golden age. They rocked terribly hard.

The band finally went the way of all things. But after a short hiatus, founding members vocalist Steffanos X and pianist Dean Mermell began to experiment with new, stripped-down arrangements of classics like *What's New Pussycat*, *Delilah*, and *It's Not Unusual*. The result? Tom Jonesing, only smaller!

"It's not lounge," insists Mermell, aka The Tickler. "More like a rock recital. We play all those great Tom Jones songs, but we've made them into something new. All we need in order to perform is a piano and enough space for Tantric Tom (Steffanos X) to gyrate those snake-like hips of his and charm all the ladies in the room. Damn him...".

When a bigger sound is called for, the duo brings aboard bassist Kevin Witte and drummer Robin Bordow. Tom Jonesing is available for intimate private parties, large events, and club gigs. "We'll rock," says Steffanos X, "we'll croon. We'll even bring the piano."

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