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ALEXIS GERSHWIN SCORES WITH NEW ACT

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The talent in the Gershwin family did not end with George and Ira Gershwin. Their niece, singer Alexis Gershwin, inherited the feeling for melodic music line from composer George Gershwin, and a respect for words and phrasing from lyricist Ira Gershwin.

In the debut of her new act at the Valley Arts Center on October 5, Miss Gershwin displayed a voice of unusual beauty. She did credit to the Gershwin songs with the excellent vocal instrument she possesses, and her lucent diction.

Miss Gershwin performs with a strong emotional impact, and the fact that she's lovely to look at does not hurt the general appeal of her act.

Her "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "The Man I Love" tug at the heart, and she scores with a stirring rendition of "I Got Rhythm," and "Fascinating Rhythm," proving that her uptempo delivery equals that of the ballads.

There is a shortage of women today who are singing in the romantic style, such that of Julio Iglesias. Alexis Gershwin may be the one to fill that void.