

**"Jacques Brel Is . . ." Alive and Well and Coming to LA**

Music! Music! Music! In JACQUES BREL IS . . . five singers perform 26 songs about love and youth, sailors and whores, soldiers and politicians, old age and hope. Brel's songs are intensely lyric and surprisingly diverse in mood: sometimes quixotic and funny, sometimes passionate and furious. This production marks almost twenty years since the original production opened in 1968 at the Village Gate in New York City, and is the first time the Back Alley has produced a musical, complete with live musicians!



Jacques Brel (pictured at left) was a Belgian born poet and singer who was Paris' Sinatra.

LIMITED 8 WEEK RUN  
April 9 - May 31, 1987

Thursday-Saturday at 8 pm  
Sundays at 2 pm and 7pm

Discussions with cast and director will follow Thursday performances.



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**coming in April.**

Clive Barnes, drama critic for *The New York Times*, said of the original production, "These songs are impassioned and powerful, capable of stirring an audience almost to a frenzy, but they are also unusually poetic and beautiful, suggesting not only Kurt Weill, but at times even Lennon and McCartney. . ."

"Eric Blau and Mort Shuman have translated the lyrics with such skill that the music appears to have been written expressly for them, no mean achievement," said John Wingate, WOR TV.

*Cue Magazine* said, ". . . those who flinch at fierce emotions deliciously indulged — might perish in the intensity of Brel's passions. . . But hang on for sizzling moments. . ."

"This is one of the few entertainments that can send you out feeling really different from the way you felt when you came in," said Julius Novick in *The Village Voice*.

Previews April 9-19:  
Thursdays &  
Sunday \$ 9.50  
Friday \$11.50  
Saturday \$13.50

After April 22:  
Thursdays &  
Sunday \$13.50  
Friday \$15.50  
Saturday \$17.50

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