

DON'T WANNA STOP *Singer melds classics, new material*

Gino Vannelli reached the top of the American music charts in the '70s and '80s with songs such as "I Just Wanna Stop" and "Black Cars," and now this Grammy-nominated singer/composer is stopping on the Vegas Strip. ¶ Vannelli, reflecting on the enthusiastic audiences from his recent sold-out concert tour to South Africa, London and Milan, said, "The fans are smart—they help keep me on my toes. Sure they want to hear past hits, but I'm even more impassioned to perform them, knowing folks enjoy a few new twists." ¶ Vannelli's concerts are a savory collection of songs from his repertoire, often including his classic hits alongside his dazzling contemporary creations, "These Are the Days,"

"Venus Envy" and "Eastwest World." ¶ Vannelli, who has 15 albums to his credit, will begin working on a new CD in August. ¶ "When I am composing, I use different musical styles as a vocabulary, as a direction, but not as the destination," he said. "For me, composing is a highly distilled and personal experience, coming from a strong sense of self. My music is eclectic and it is derived from how I feel." ¶ Those feelings are evident as Vannelli shares his passion for the music with his audiences. And ladies, this handsome Italian Canadian is just as steamy as ever, and still fits into those tight pants! —BECKY TOMA
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