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Tiny & Ruby: Hell-Divin' Women and International Sweethearts of Rhythm

The Sweethearts mixed races and separated genders in the late 1930s and early '40s to tour an "all-girl" band that was apparently as good as most in every area but publicity. Their bittersweet recollections shed new light on what could and couldn't be gotten away with in that bygone era and leave you wanting more of scene-stealing trumpeter Tiny Davis. *Tiny and Ruby* provides it. At 76 her chops and sense of humor are intact, as is her 42-year relationship with drummer-pianist Ruby Pheian. These festival faves by Greta Schiller and Andrea Weiss are having what is billed as their



"U.S. theatrical premiere" this weekend.

— Steve Warren

■ *Tiny & Ruby: Hell-Divin' Women and International Sweethearts of Rhythm.* Thurs/Sun/11 at 7:30 and 9:15 pm with weekend matinees at 2:15, 4 and 5:45 pm. York Theater, 2769 24th St., SF. 282-0316.