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## Wisconsin State Fair 2006: Blog on a Stick

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## A little bit of Frank, a little bit of Elvis

Here at State Fair, there are hawkers, gawkers, and one popular crooner.

Singer Tom Anthony of Milwaukee seems to do the impossible. He not only packs the patio at Rupena's café and has the audience spill out into the sidewalk, he gets the crowd to stop eating long enough to listen.

What he delivers is a mix of Elvis and Sinatra, songs from "More" to "I Did It My Way." The loud round of applause he gets would be music to the ears of any cabaret singer.

The sight he makes is memorable as well. In a sea of cut-offs and tank tops, Anthony appears in a tux and – what the?!—bow tie. He's perspiring, but not as much as his audience.

Cool and tuneful. The King and the Chairman of the Board would be proud.



"And I did it my way," sings vocalist Tom Anthony (performing the popular Frank Sinatra hit) as Gary and Jeanette Pellegrino dance in the background. Photo/Rick Wood

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