

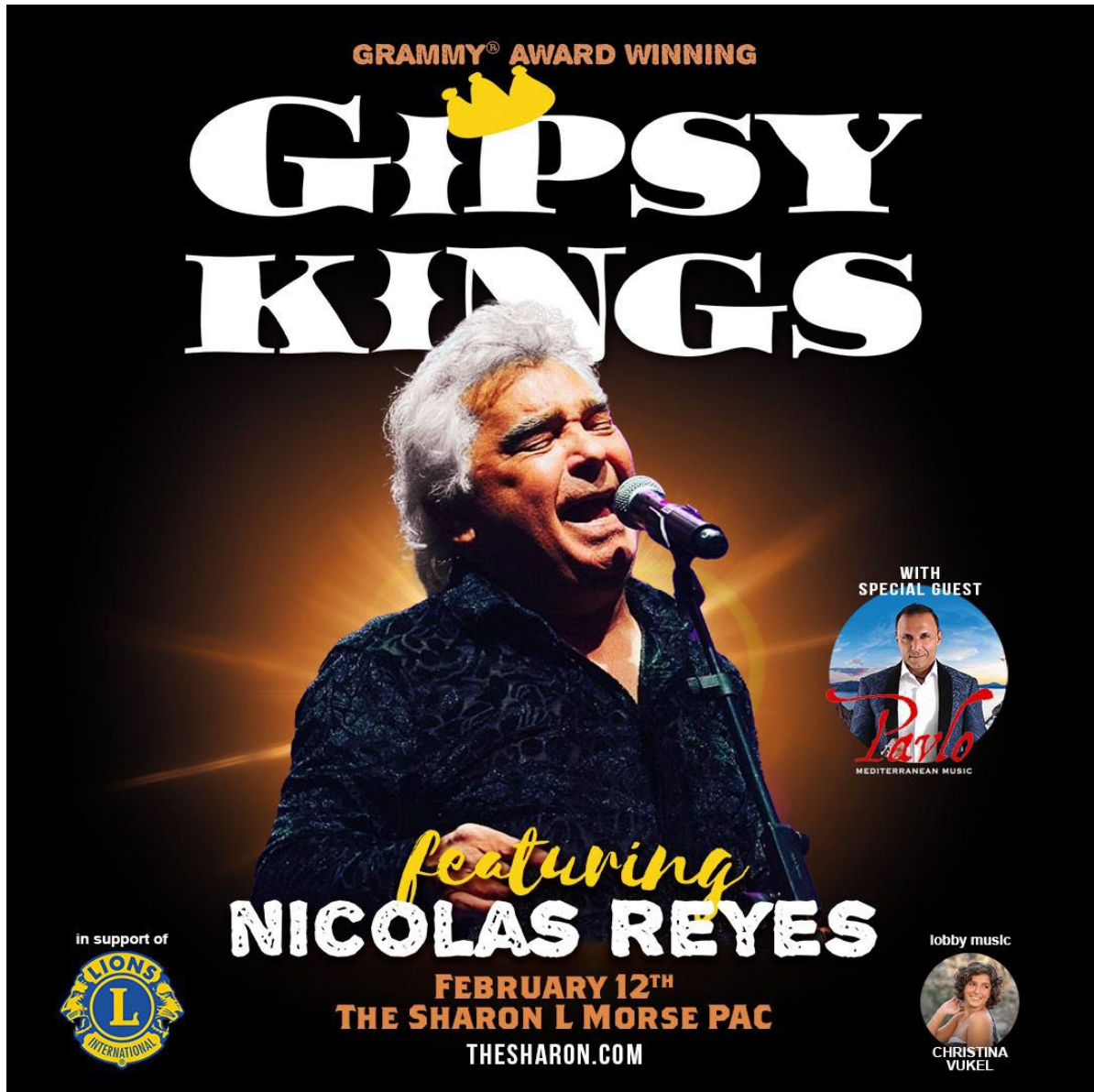
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GIPSY KINGS

with PAVLO and lobby show by CHRISTINA VUKEL



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GIPSY KINGS

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

Pavlo
MEDITERRANEAN MUSIC


featuring
NICOLAS REYES

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Howey-In-The-Hills, FL – Get Off The Bus Concerts is pleased to present *GIPSY KINGS* featuring *Nicolas Reyes* with special guest Pavlo (and lobby show by local rising star Christina Vukel) on Monday, February 12th, 2024 at 7pm at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center in The Villages, Florida in support of Lady Lake Orange Blossom Gardens Lions Club (<https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/ladylakeobg/>). Tickets on sale now and can be purchased at GetOffTheBusConcerts.com, TheSharon.com or (352) 753-3229.

Gipsy Kings

Nicolas Reyes has been the leader and co-founder of the Gipsy Kings for well over 30 years. In the past three decades, they have dominated the World Music charts and sold more than 14 million albums worldwide. Their platinum compilation, *The Best of the Gipsy Kings*, was charting for over a year upon its release and their ninth studio album, *Savor Flamenco*, was awarded the Grammy for Best World Music Album in 2013.

This iconic legacy began when Nicolas' father, Jose Reyes, formed a celebrated flamenco duo with Manitas de Plata (which boasted fans as famed as Miles Davis and Pablo Picasso). When the pair parted ways, the elder Reyes became even more popular upon starting his own band, backed by his son, called Los Reyes. In later years, Nicolas headed out on his own and began playing in the town of Arles in the south of France. He traveled throughout the country, busking on the streets of Saint-Tropez, playing wherever he could. Having adopted the perpetual motion of the gypsy lifestyle, his band eventually translated "Los Reyes" and became the Gipsy Kings.

The band's music went on to fuse with popular culture. In addition to the accolades above, the traveling Gipsy Kings have played some of the world's greatest stages, from the Hollywood Bowl to Royal Albert Hall as well as hitting the big screen. Their rendition of "Hotel California" was included in the film *The Big Lebowski* and the HBO series *Entourage*. The 2010 film *Toy Story 3* featured a Gipsy Kings version of the movie's popular, Randy Newman-penned theme, "You've Got a Friend in Me". The Gipsy Kings recently featured in a *Big Lebowski* spinoff *The Jesus Rolls* with Reyes appearing in person with the director and star, John Turturro, for some of the promotion.

As active as this remarkable collective remains, they are also confident in the future of their legacy. "Even though it's been 30 years, we want to keep on making new music because it's our life. It's who we are," says Nicolas Reyes. "But I think there will be a time when we pass down the Gipsy Kings to our sons".

30 years is an eternity in pop music but the story of the Gipsy Kings featuring Nicolas Reyes has the depth to endure. Theirs is a music that extends through generations, to the sounds of their ancestors—Spanish Romani people who fled the Catalonia region during the Spanish Civil War—and reflects the vibrantly eclectic and peripatetic history of the gitanos. <https://www.gipsykings.com/>

Pavlo

For being all instrumental, Pavlo's Mediterranean music speaks for itself. Over the span of his 20-year career, Pavlo, the internationally renowned, award-winning recording artist, performer and songwriter, has released 15 albums to include 4 PBS TV concert Specials.

Born in Toronto to Greek parents, Pavlo has made a name for himself by offering a musical amalgam he simply calls "Mediterranean music" – a blend of Greek, flamenco, Latin, and even Balkan flavours, wrapped in contemporary pop. His music has taken him all around the world. Along the way he's performed for royalty in the likes of Prince Charles and worked and toured with artists such as José Feliciano, Jon Secada, Olivia Newton-John and The Tenors.

It has never been more convincing, Pavlo is a TRUE WORLD artist, and has become famous for bringing every audience to their feet.

Pavlo is currently on tour promoting his fourth PBS special “Live in Santorini” and is still driven by his father’s famous words:

“Have the courage to do what you love, and the drive to do it well.” <https://www.pavlo.com/>

Christina Vukel

At just 17 years old, Christina Vukel has created a name for herself with over 150,000 Spotify streams, 3,500 Facebook followers, and a dedicated fan base in her Florida hometown.

Christina has released 25 songs, including her recent "They Say" album, and continues to write songs for future releases. Eye-catching music videos accompany "Instead Of Getting Over It" and "Boy Did It Hurt", showing the ranging creativity of the rising star. Her talents don't end there, with skills on both piano and guitar, Christina can hold her own in intimate acoustic performances and with her full band, formed in October of 2022 to accompany her on larger stages.

Christina Vukel's soothing voice and soulful delivery have garnered performances in renowned venues including The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Centre and Hard Rock Café Orlando. Along with her fans, the media have taken a liking to the young artist, with live performances, interviews, and songs featured on the Breakfast Club Radio Show at 95.5 FM WQBQ, Leesburg Radio 97.5FM WQBQ, Mount Dora Radio 97.1 FM WVGT. She is also featured in Lake Sumter Style and The Villages Magazine as an Extraordinary Person, and was featured in the 2023 issues as the 40 Under 40 Rising Star.

In her free time, Christina volunteers at Shaping HeArts, non-profit organization based in Mount Dora, providing music education to local children. She continues to write and perform and graciously win the attention and hearts of new fans across the country. <https://christinavukel.com/>

More photos & information about this show:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qA3QyIF76ZCqfNfN4A2G9-VmqhVZ42Xe?usp=sharing>

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About Get Off The Bus Concerts

Get Off The Bus Concerts came about through the vision of Joe and Fatima Bamford, former owners of HALJOE COACHES. After a long and varied career in the music and entertainment industry Joe thought,

“Wouldn’t it be fun to do some concerts with some people who have traveled on our buses over the years?” Inspired by their daughter, Jenn, who fundraises relentlessly for several organizations in her hometown of Moncton, New Brunswick, Joe and Fatima realized the importance of giving back, so decided to turn their concert idea to draw attention and support for worthwhile causes. Some of the concerts have included Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Glenn Miller Orchestra, Styx, Loretta Lynn, Neil Sedaka, Kansas, LeAnn Rimes, Jack Hanna and the late Merle Haggard.

For more information visit www.GetOffTheBusConcerts.com

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