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Tickets For Simon and Garfunkel On Sale Next Week



HOW DO I BUY TICKETS?

The Villages Entertainment sells tickets in person at their four box office locations or online at thevillagesentertainment.com

All box office locations are open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Spanish Springs: 970 Del Mar Drive

Lake Sumter Landing: 1070 Canal Street

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Savannah Center: 1545 N. Buena Vista Blvd.

By **KRISTEN FIORE** | *Daily Sun Senior Writer*

It's an immersive mix of concert, theater and history, but it's all about Simon and Garfunkel.

"The Simon and Garfunkel Story," an internationally acclaimed show about Paul Simon, Art Garfunkel and the making of their careers and music, will stop by The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center for shows at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Nov. 10.

Tickets go on sale at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 11 and can be purchased online at thevillagesentertainment.com or at any Villages Box Office location. Tickets range from \$40 to \$75.

"This show has developed beautifully and become something wonderful," said Taylor Bloom, who portrays Paul Simon in the show. "Audiences

can expect to hear their favorite Simon and Garfunkel songs, and even the most devoted fans will come away learning something new they didn't know before."

Bloom is an actor based in New York City.

"Before I got on board with the show, I didn't know a lot about Simon and Garfunkel,"

he said. "Getting to do this has been an absolute treat."

Now, Bloom appreciates various elements of Simon and Garfunkel's music.

The folk-rock duo is known for iconic hits like "The Sound of Silence," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Mrs. Robinson," "Scarborough Fair" and many more.

"The way the songs are written is gorgeous and really original, but rooted in a folk

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genre that a lot of people can appreciate,” Bloom said. “Paul Simon’s lyrics are very poetic but very grounded. They’re not difficult to understand and still ring very true for a lot of people. Art Garfunkel added a lot of amazing harmonies to what Paul Simon has written.”

Bloom said both new and old fans have been seeing the show, which has been performed in 50 countries worldwide, according to the show’s official website.

“We have a lot of fans who come who grew up with this music,” Bloom said. “For them, we hope they relive some positive experiences they had with the music. For the younger audiences, we hope we send them away with an appreciation of this music.”

Bloom said the show provides the context in which the music was written, with background about what was going on in the world at the time.

“It’s performed live in a really powerful way,” Bloom said. “We’re excited to bring the show to your community and interact with the audience.”

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