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Foreigner Tribute To Play in The Villages

“Foreigner Experience,” put on by Classic Tributes, comes to Savannah Center at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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The Classic Tributes band returns to The Villages with a show that is as cold as ice. Kenny Wendland, Jeff Winters, Miguel Gonzalez, Fredy Camelo and Dave Webster are Classic Tributes, one band with four different shows. The group was in The Villages last year, performing their Bad Company tribute, “Bad Inc.,” at Savannah Center. Now, they return with “Foreigner Experience,” a tribute to the rock band Foreigner.

“We have a charismatic frontman who have you singing along with most the songs” said Jeff Winters, lead guitarist and vocalist for Classic Tributes. “We have a charismatic frontman who have you singing along with most the songs.”

While the Classic Tributes has three other shows — including “Bad Inc.,” an Aerosmith tribute and a Loverboy tribute — “Foreigner Experience” was the original. The tribute was founded back in late 2012, Winters said, when Foreigner tributes were still relatively new to the tribute scene.

Foreigner is one of the best-selling bands of all time, according to the Recording Industry Association of America, with worldwide sales of more than 80 million records.

The band’s 1977 debut album, “Foreigner,” rocked American hard rock radio. It reached No. 4 on the Billboard 200 chart and resulted in three hit singles: “Feels Like the First Time,” “Cold as Ice” and “Long, Long Way from Home.”

“I bought that album when it first came out on vinyl,” Winters said. “I’ve been a fan ever since.”

“Foreigner Experience” is made up of industry professionals. Winters performed in cover bands for 20 years before forming the tribute group. Miguel Gonzalez played bass with Bad Company’s Brian Howe for just as long, and lead singer Kenny Wendland was in the band Gypsy Queen for a time.

The members of Classic Tributes have also shared the stage with many legendary acts, including the actual Foreigner, as well as Cheap Trick, Poison, Meat Loaf and ZZ Top.

The Savannah Center show is one of Classic Tributes’ longest, which Winters said allows the band to include many songs that they usually have to cut. It’s unfortunate when it happens, he said, because some of them are songs that a lot of people want to hear.

For the upcoming show at Savannah Center, the band will include some of those lesser-known songs like “Night Life,” “Women,” “At War with The World” and “Say You Will.”

“But even when we don’t have time, we always do the big ones,” Winters said. “Feels Like The First Time,” “Urgent,” “Long, Long Way From Home” — like those.”

Winters and the rest of Classic Tributes returns to The Villages with “Foreigner Experience” at 7 p.m. Saturday at Savannah Center. Tickets for the show are \$35 and up. To buy, go to thevillagesentertainment.com.



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Canadian Country Music artists Terri Clark and Paul Brandt play at the Southern Jubilee Auditorium in Canada. Clark will perform on Aug. 23 at The Sharon.

Canadian Country Singer Terri Clark To Perform Locally

The country music star’s tour stops in The Villages at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 for a show at The Sharon.

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Terri Clark wants to do it all — and she’s halfway there.

Ahead of her concert in The Villages, the Canadian country music singer reflected on nearly 30 years in the industry. Clark is a multi-platinum and multi-Juno award winning artist, the only Canadian woman currently with a Grand Ole Opry membership, a Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame inductee as well as a Canadian Music Hall of Fame inductee.

For most artists, all those accolades would be more than enough to hang their hat on, and yet Clark shows no signs of stopping.

“The road isn’t romantic,” Clark said. “Day in and day out on a bus with 10 people, away from home, sleep is usually not great. And it’s not any easier as you get older. But the look on a kid’s face in the front row holding a sign, and the joy you can see when people are singing along, laughing with you, letting the music take them on a journey into their past, remembering a time in their life that were songs were part of — that makes every mile worth it.”

Clark is best known for the 2004 hit “Girls Lie Too,” which peaked in the United States at No. 1 on Billboard’s Hot Country Songs list and No. 36 on Billboard’s Hot 100 chart.

Raised in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, the second of four children, Clark comes from a family of musicians. Her grandparents, Ray and Betty Gauthier, opened for country music legends like George Jones and Johnny Cash. Clark’s mother, Linda, was a prominent performer in the Canadian folk scene.

During her teenage years, Clark worked at a local Chinese restaurant to save money so she could move to Nashville. By 1987, she was there, paying her dues at Tootsie’s Orchid Lounge, a famous honky-tonk bar across the alley from the historic Ryman Auditorium.

A decade later, Clark’s friend, producer and singer Keith Stegall, signed her to Mercury Records. She went on to release 13 Top singles, including six No. 1 songs in Canada and the U.S.

Clark performed for sold-out houses in both Canada and the U.S., headlining her own shows and joining the likes of George Strait, Toby Keith, Brooks & Dunn, Brad

Paisley and more recently, Reba McEntire.

It was a monumental moment for Clark, who wore Reba McEntire’s T-shirt to school, sang her songs in talent shows and still has her original Reba McEntire Fan Club membership card from when she was 14 years old.

“I still pinch myself at times when I’m in her presence,” she said. “We are friends now and I treasure her friendship beyond words.”

Clark found out she was being inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame around the same time she was on tour with Reba McEntire.

“That was honestly unexpected,” Clark said. “Seeing my name on a list with the likes of Joni Mitchell and Neil Young, Shania and Céline was such a tremendous honor that I will never forget.”

Fellow Canadian singer Jann Arden inducted Clark in the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in May 2023. Her family and some high school friends attended the ceremony. One friend put together a congratulatory reel from fellow artists, industry people and friends.

It was humbling to say the least, Clark said, and the reel was a gift that she will cherish forever.

Clark’s most recent accomplishment was the release of her 2024 album “Terri Clark: Take Two,” an eight-song collection of her greatest hits re-imagined with some of the biggest stars in music today.

“Terri Clark: Take Two” features duets with Lauren Alaina, Paul Brandt, Kelly Clarkson, Cody Johnson, Ashley McBryde, Carly Pearce, Ben Rector and Lainey Wilson. Clark said the album was so much fun to make.

“It’s about the possibility of introducing myself to a younger demographic as well as a chance to collaborate with some of the popular artists of today and bring a new spin to some old familiar songs,” Clark said. “Preserving a legacy and introducing it to a new generation, it also breathes a new energy into my live show playing those updated versions.”

Clark said she would also love to do some tour dates with one of the artists on the new album. She’s already had the opportunity to play some of the songs with a couple of the feature artists.

“It was such a blast,” she said. “In my mind and soul, I’m still 30, even if my joints tell me otherwise.”

Terri Clark performs live in concert in The Villages at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 at The Sharon. Tickets for the show are \$50 and up. Go to thevillagesentertainment.com.

SUMTER LANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF HEARING TO IMPOSE AND PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF SUMTER LANDING ROAD AND MAINTENANCE NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS RESOLUTION 2024-13

As required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given by Sumter LandingCommunity Development District, (the “District”), that a proposed increase to your current annual Sumter Landing Road and Maintenance Assessment may be levied on your property for fiscal year 2024-2025 and for every year thereafter until discontinued for a year. The District Board of Supervisors has proposed an increase in the Assessments from last year. The purpose of this assessment is for operations and maintenance of landscape, maintenance of rights of way, stormwater management, maintenance of equipment and public facilities and road maintenance of the Commercial Areas within Sumter Landing Community Development District. The total assessment billed is based on the square footage of the habitable area of the property.

The total proposed assessment revenue collected will be \$2,657,281.55.

The geographical area subject to these assessments is shown on the map attached. The annual Road and Maintenance Assessment for each parcel is shown on the table attached for the unit in which the parcel is located.

A public hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on September 3, 2024, at Sea Breeze Recreation Center, 2384 Buena Vista Boulevard, The Villages, FL 32162, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. The District may adjust proposed assessments at the hearing. You and all other affected property owners have the right to appear at this public hearing and/or file a written objection with the Sumter Landing Community Development District Board of Supervisors within 20 days of this notice. If you decide to appeal any decision made by the District with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made.

The tax collector will collect the above referenced assessments on behalf of the District utilizing the uniform method of collection for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and for each year thereafter until discontinued for a year. Copies of the initial resolutions regarding these assessments and the preliminary assessment roll are available for inspection at the Office of the District Clerk, 984 Old Mill Run, The Villages, FL 32162. We are also required by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes to inform you that failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title.

If you have any questions regarding the maintenance assessments, please call the Budget Department at (352) 753-4508. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the District Clerk at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing at (352) 751-3939.

Sumter Landing Road and Maintenance Assessments

FY2024/2025

Parcel ID	Number of Units	Bldg SQ FT	Road & Maintenance Assessment \$5.1500 per SQ FT
D23SL001	6	129,475	\$666,796.25
D23SL003	1	532	\$2,739.80
D23SL004	1	4,547	\$23,417.05
D23SL005	1	6,835	\$35,200.25
D23SL006	1	8,391	\$43,213.65
D23SL007	1	11,738	\$60,450.70
D23SL008	1	5,959	\$30,688.85
D23SL009	4	88,641	\$456,501.15
D23SL011	1	12,255	\$63,113.25
D23SL012	1	5,853	\$30,142.95
D23SL013	1	675	\$3,476.25
D23SL014	1	6,388	\$32,898.20
D23SL015	1	13,716	\$70,637.40
D23SL016	1	17,458	\$89,908.70
D23SL017	3	64,266	\$330,969.90
D23SL018	1	8,882	\$45,742.30
D23SL019	1	2,980	\$15,347.00
D23SL020	1	18,765	\$96,639.75
D23SL022	1	26,026	\$134,033.90
D23SL023	1	6,128	\$31,559.20
D23SL024	1	2,120	\$10,918.00
D23SL026	1	38,832	\$199,984.80
D23SL027	1	17,712	\$91,216.80
D23SL028	1	7,263	\$37,404.45
D23SL029	1	5,192	\$26,738.80
D23SL030	1	1,702	\$8,765.30
D23SL031	1	543	\$2,796.45
D23SL033	1	2,810	\$14,471.50
D23SL034	1	293	\$1,508.95

Total \$2,657,281.55

(With the intent to utilize the Uniform Collection Method beginning October 1, 2024 and each year thereafter until discontinued for a year.)

