

A Flock of Seagulls Landing in Villages For January Show

The band comes to The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center in Spanish Springs at 7 p.m. Jan. 5.

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A Flock of Seagulls is as embedded in pop culture as lead singer Mike Score's outrageous '80s hairstyle.

The synth-heavy group debuted at the start of the Second British Invasion in the United States, where the band became a pioneer of the new wave era thanks to MTV's rotation of its hit 1982 single "I Ran (So Far Away)" and its unforgettable music video.

Much has changed since then, but one detail remains the same — Score loves playing live, no matter rain or shine.

"We are on the road touring continually," Score said. "That's where the fun is."

Originally working as a hairdresser in Liverpool, England, Score left the shop to form A Flock of Seagulls with his brother, drummer Ali Score, fellow hairdresser and bassist Frank Maudsley and guitarist Paul Reynolds. The band's second single, "Telecommunication," found moderate success in underground clubs. But the group's greatest hit came a year later, when the third single, "I Ran

(So Far Away)," reached No. 9 on Billboard's Hot 100 list.

Aside from its music, the group is known for its peculiar image.

"As you know, the '80s was a wild ride," Score said. "We knew we needed a cool look. We were space cadets, so we sang about space and wanted to look like space people but modern '80s space people."

A Flock of Seagulls' interpretation of modern space people consisted mostly of sharp silhouettes, shoulder pads and Score's bewildering hair style, which was later dubbed "a flock of seagulls." The style is characterized by a short, pointed fringe with sides combed up and back, like the wings of a seagull. It was attention grabbing and, according to Score, a complete accident.

Inspired by David Bowie's look as Ziggy Stardust, Score originally teased his hair into a sort of fluffy mohawk. The flattened front piece came about when Maudsley patted Score's hair before a show, creating the unique style for which he is now known.

Score no longer has the hair, but he appreciates its influence on fans and younger generations.

"I'm always glad to see some kids with the haircut," he said. "It means they not only like the band but the freedom to show it. They will grow up right — just like we did."



Mike Score, founder, lead vocalist and keyboardist of A Flock of Seagulls, comes to The Villages with the band at 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

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Despite being the only member of the original lineup left in the band, Score plans to keep A Flock of Seagulls going for as long as he can. The band has a new album coming out in December 2025. It's the band's first album of new material in 30 years.

"The first single, 'Some Dreams,' is already out," Score said. "The next single is being readied for release with the album. I think the video is close to being

finished as well."

Score is currently in the studio, mixing tracks for the untitled album, but he will soon make his way to The Villages. During the upcoming show, Score and the rest of the band will play a mix of the band's greatest hits from the 1980s and some songs from the upcoming album.

A Flock of Seagulls comes to the community at 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at The Sharon L. Morse

Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the show are \$35 and up. To purchase, go to thevillagesentertainment.com.

"There should be merchandise there, so make our people happy and buy a shirt," Score said, jokingly. "But really, come out and have a good time."

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