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Edgerton Performing Arts Center

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Program

1) TAKE ME TO THE RIVER
2) I CAN’T GET CLOSE ENOUGH
3) WOKE UP IN LOVE
4) SHE'S A MIRACLE
5) HANG ON TO YOUR HEART
6) KEEP IT IN THE MIDDLE
7) NOBODY'S TALKING
8) SUPER LOVE
9) I COULD GET USED TO YOU
10) SHE'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE
11) GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE
12) IT'LL BE ME
13) HEART AND SOUL
14) COVERS MEDLEY (5 songs)
15) PEOPLE GET READY
16) KISS YOU ALL OVER
In 1978, “Kiss You All Over” catapulted Exile from bar gigs in Lexington, Kentucky, to the national spotlight. They appeared on NBC’s popular late-night music variety series “The Midnight Special” in California then jumped on tour with Aerosmith and Fleetwood Mac.

More than 55 years since the band’s creation and 40 years since the release of “Kiss You All Over,” Exile is celebrating the music that made them among America’s longest running bands. Members Hargis, Pennington, Les Taylor (guitar/vocals), Sonny Lemaire (bass/vocals) and Steve Goetzman (drums) re-recorded the band’s 11 No. 1 hits along with a few of its Top 10 songs to mark the milestone. Dubbed “Hits,” the album includes “Woke Up in Love,” “She’s a Miracle,” “Give Me One More Chance” and is available now.

The current line-up has played together off and on for 46 years. In the group’s 55- plus year history, dozens of members have passed through the ranks. But the men in the band today are the same people who played on the bulk of Exile’s hit songs. Lemaire and Goetzman were on all of them while Hargis, Pennington and Taylor each left the group and then rejoined in 2008 when Exile reconfigured its most hit-friendly line-up.

Before “Kiss You All Over,” the band often recorded music in a converted garage and toured in a broken-down Winnebago. They wrote songs including “Take Me Down,” “The Closer You Get” and “Heart and Soul” that were hits for other artists and recorded versions of them in the little studio. Hargis worked there so the band had access to it when it wasn’t in use.

One of the garage tapes found its way to songwriter/producer Nicky Chinn. Chinn co-wrote “Kiss You All Over” with Mike Chapman. The tape sparked the relationship that led Exile to the amorous multi-platinum selling hit.

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The Siberian State Symphony Orchestra (SSSO) dates back to 1977. The SSSO won a reputation as one of the best orchestras in the former Soviet Union. The SSSO has worked with conductors such as Leonard Slatkin, Dmitri Jurowski, Gintaras Rinkevicius and Vladislav Chernushenko among others, and has performed regularly with soloists Mikhail Pletnev, Vadim Repin, Dmitri Hvorostovsky, Lazar Berman, Igor Oistrakh, Denis Matsuev, Rudolf Buchbinder, and Nikolai Lugansky, to name a few.

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, The SSSO started touring internationally to critical acclaim.

In 1993, by special Decree of the Russian Ministry of Culture, The SSSO was awarded the title of State Orchestra, and in 2009 received the venerable status of a Particularly Valuable Object of Cultural Heritage.

In 2015 Vladimir Lande became The SSSO’s new Artistic Director and Chief Conductor. Since then it has started successful new collaborations with international recording labels such as Naxos, Delos and Parma Records, and its televised concerts became available for online streaming.

Tickets $30 each at www.edgertonpac.com or (608)561-6093

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Salute to Glen Campbell
With Jeff Dayton
Saturday, May 9, 2020
7:30 PM

A heartwarming evening of Glen Campbell’s biggest hits and the stories behind them. All delivered by Glen Campbell’s right hand man for 15 years, band leader and guitarist Jeff Dayton. Enjoy a night of intimate, fun and uplifting music from America’s TV favorite and Hall of Fame legend — Glen Campbell.

From the White House to the Grand Ole Opry, Jeff Dayton has been playing guitar and performing all his life. He’s a Nashville producer and writer and loves the concentrated creative scene in Music City. He’s had the honor of backing artists including Vince Gill, Willie Nelson, Toby Keith, Buck Owens, Tracy Byrd, Bo Diddley, Dizzy Gillespie, Gene Autry and Mac Davis, and touring with megastars Kenny Chesney, Lee Greenwood, Sarah Darling, Tammy Cochran and others.

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No food, gum or beverages in the theatre, and no unauthorized video or photography.
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