

# The Simon & Garfunkel Story

Monday, September 30, 2019; 7:30 pm



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### ABOUT

This immersive concert-style theater show chronicles the amazing journey shared by the folk-rock duo, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. It tells the story from their humble beginnings as Tom & Jerry to their incredible success as one of the best-selling music groups of the '60s to their dramatic split in 1970. It culminates with the famous "The Concert in Central Park" reunion in 1981 with more than half a million fans in attendance.

Using huge projection photos and original film footage, the show also features a full live band performing all of their hits, including "Mrs. Robinson," "Cecilia," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Homeward Bound," and many more.

With more than 100 million album sales since 1965, Simon & Garfunkel's perfect harmonies and songs that poignantly captured the times made them one of the most successful folk-rock duos of all time. Over the years, they won 10 Grammy Awards and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1977, their *Bridge Over Troubled Water* album was nominated at the 1977 Brit Awards for Best International Album. In 2003, Simon and Garfunkel were awarded a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and the following year saw their "The Sound of Silence" awarded a Grammy Hall of Fame Award.

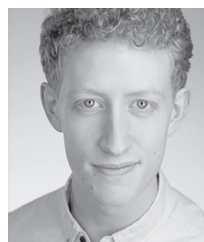
Information about The Simon & Garfunkel Story can be found at: <http://www.thesimonandgarfunkelstory.com>.

### CAST & CREATIVE ARTISTS



#### **TAYLOR BLOOM** (*Paul Simon*)

Taylor Bloom is an actor and creator based out of NYC. Born and raised in the Shenandoah Valley, Taylor attended Shenandoah Conservatory where, in addition to sharpening his skills on stage, he caught the bug for film, writing and directing. To round out his creative pursuits, he writes music for himself, as well as for his band, Coastline, and is the co-creator of a new podcast called *The Foundry*. He is beyond excited to be on road for the first time and is very grateful for your patronage!



#### **BENJAMIN COOLEY** (*Art Garfunkel*)

Benjamin Cooley is an actor based in NYC. Born and raised in Queens NY, he couldn't be more excited to tell the story of two young men from Queens who wrote the music of their generation. Recent Credits: *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical* (SKY) Playhouse on Park, *Junie B Jones*, and *Jingle Bells Batman Smells* (Sheldon), White Plains Performing Arts Center. This is also his first tour and he is excited for all the challenges it will bring! Special thanks to his Mom and Dad for continuing to support him in his endeavors as an actor. And a very special thanks to Mom for telling him about the audition!

#### **BOB SALE**

Bob Sale was born in Oakville, Ontario, Canada, eventually moving to Toronto, then to Chicago, and currently lives in San Diego. He's married and has two children. He has had the honor of playing with many excellent artists including, Eric Johnson, Albert Lee, Peter and Gordon, Vince Martel, Ben Vereen, Mary James, and Rick Elias. Bob also played drums on

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the soundtrack to the Tom Hanks movie, *That Thing You Do!* He has toured North America with *PFX: The Pink Floyd Experience* for the past five years. He freelances in Southern California playing gigs and doing studio work, as well as playing jazz and other music festivals around the United States. He also recently had the opportunity to do some shows playing drums for: America, Juice Newton, B.J. Thomas, Stephen Bishop and Billy Ray Cyrus.

## **MARC ENCABO**

Marc Encabo is a multi-instrumentalist, composer, songwriter, and arranger born and raised in San Diego, CA. Between growing up in church, piano lessons at the age of seven, and a fondness for Top 40 radio, he was led to pursue music through middle school and high school as a violinist. Through the influence of YouTube and playing at church, he taught himself how to play guitar and bass. He would later further his studies and complete his undergraduate degree in Jazz Studies in 2016 at the renowned Bob Cole Conservatory of Music at California State University, Long Beach. As a sideman, Marc has performed and recorded with various groups across the US, UK, and Europe. As a composer and songwriter, he has works that have been performed and recorded in the US and in the Philippines.

## **ALEC HAMILTON**

Alec is a songwriter and composer based in San Diego, where he received his bachelor's in music. He is an award-winning jazz pianist and arranger, but also studies classical and popular styles, and is working toward a career as a songwriter and rock artist. Alec is the recipient of The Jazz Award and Cheatham Prize from his university as well as numerous performance awards from jazz festivals.

## **JOSH VASQUEZ**

*Biography not available at time of printing.*

## **CREATIVE TEAM**

Show Director – Dean Elliott  
Musical Supervisor – Dean Elliott  
Musical Director – Alec Hamilton  
Sound Design – Steve Beatty  
Company Manager – Brian Richard  
Video Design – Z Frame  
Marketing – Ralph Schmidtke  
Press – John Tellem - Tellem Grody PR  
Lighting Design – Mike Berger Design  
Lighting Programmer and Director - Steve Comer  
General Manager – Ralph Schmidtke

