

A Century of Simon Exhibit in Brenham a Big Success

The extensive history exhibit, currently showing at The Barnhill Center at Historic Simon Theatre, is receiving rave reviews from attendees. It will remain on display through November 22, on Thursdays – Saturdays from 11am to 3pm.

A Few Comments from Attendees

- One of the best exhibits I've ever seen.
- I was in complete awe as I went through this exhibit.
- The Simon Exhibit is a fascinating, detailed exploration of an important era in American history. Thought-provoking contrasts challenge the visitor's perspective.
- Great exhibit! So well done!
- Wonderful. Entertaining. Informative. Thank you!
- Loved it! Thank you for telling the story.
- Beautiful exhibit! Very informative and interesting.
- Love the history and stories!
- What a wonderful and enlightening experience. Amazing!

"The Simon Theatre's saga is an almost impossible success story, having endured 100 years of challenges that most American downtown theaters didn't survive. It's amazing that this beauty is still serving our community today," said Sharon Brass, author of the new book, *A Century of Simon*.

"The story is so fun because it's all about entertainment in Brenham through the ages. Even during the years of its decline, the Simon building has been a dominant downtown landscape for our entire lifetimes. It's a thrill to share its colorful past and its importance to our community!"

A Century of Simon Exhibit takes visitors on an interactive journey starting in 1881 when the Simon family entered the entertainment business, which led them to build and operate the elegant Simon Theatre.

Visitors see and hear fun and



SAT JAN 24 *The Oak Ridge Boys* Sponsored by Bill Kammer. The Country Music Hall of Famers will perform many of their big hits that earned them multiple Grammy, Dove, CMA, and ACM awards. A 50-year tradition.



SAT FEB 14 *Toast – The Best of Bread*
Favorite love songs performed with perfection. *Baby I'm-a Want You, I'd Like to Make It With You, If, Guitar Man, Diary, It Don't Matter To Me, Everything I Own* and more.



SAT MAR 28 *Darci Lynne*
Winner of NBC's 2017 *America's Got Talent* season for her brilliant ventriloquist act. She masterfully balances a cast of charming puppets with songs and comedy. Bring the kids!



SAT APR 18 *Ben and Noel Haggard* ★
You'll think you're listening to the iconic Merle Haggard. These brothers grew up on the stage with their father and now they keep his great music alive. Grand Ole Opry stars.



SAT MAY 16 *Vinyl Radio*
Returning by demand. Twice named Nashville's best local band by *The Nashville Scene*. The biggest hits from the 1970's when FM radio and vinyl records ruled.



SALES NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ALL TICKETS.

★ *Treat yourself to Season Tickets!*



SAT JUNE 6 *Endless Summer: America's Beach Boys Experience*. Ranked #1 by Pro Tribute Bands who said, "they meticulously recreate the spirit and sound of the Beach Boys with pure harmonic bliss."



SAT JUNE 27 *Mat and Savanna Shaw Celebrate America!*
This amazing father/daughter duo performs favorite uplifting songs for America's 250th birthday. Their eight albums hit the top 10 across iTunes and Amazon charts and #1 on worldwide Billboard charts. An intimate experience.



FRI JULY 17 *Dailey & Vincent*
"The best country, bluegrass and gospel this side of heaven." (*USA Today*). 5 Grammys, 4 Dove Awards, 35 IBMA Awards, 3-time Vocal Group of the Year. Grand Ole Opry and TV stars.



SAT AUG 8 *The Lovin' Spoonful*
In the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame for their hits *Daydream, Do You Believe in Magic, Summer in the City, Darling Be Home Soon, Did You Ever Have to Make Up Your Mind* and more.



SAT AUG 29 *Liverpool Legends: The Complete Beatles Experience*. Returning due to demand. Formed by George Harrison's late sister. A Branson favorite for over 20 years, winning numerous awards.



SAT SEPT 19 *Wilson Fairchild: Statler Made*
Gaither recording artists & sons of Country Music Hall of Famers, The Statler Brothers. Will and Langdon Reid are singers, songwriters, comedians and Grand Ole Opry stars.



SAT OCT 17 *Home Free*
Named "country music fans' favorite a cappella group" by *Taste of Country*. Upbeat Nashville-dipped pop hits, stunning harmonies and fun humor. Grand Ole Opry performers.



SAT NOV 14 *Rumours: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute*. Some of the world's most enduring rock and roll music recreated with precision, spot-on vocals and period accurate equipment and costumes. You'll sing along!



SAT DEC 12 with *Celtic Knight Dancers & Trinity Band Ensemble*. A joyous musical and visual treat. Traditional holiday music, beautiful vocalists and world class champion Irish dancers bring the magic of the season.

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informative content, including samples of early vaudeville shows and movies that were shown – including "The Merry Widow," the first movie to be seen on the Simon screen.

The history includes the Simon's early vaudeville days, Hollywood's Golden Era, movies and events over the decades, and its eventual decline long after most other American

downtown theaters closed.

Finally, the Simon's great revival story is told, which restored the magnificent building and the robust operation.

A Century of Simon book, with the same history, is on sale at the exhibit. For more information go to TheBarnhillCenter.com or call 979-337-7240.