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SULLY ERNA
TO LAUNCH 'HOMETOWN TOUR'
U.S. TREK TO KICK-OFF OCTOBER 26 IN ATLANTA, GA

New solo album 'Hometown Life' due out Friday, September 30 via BMG
Tickets go on sale September 9 for the concert on October 28 at Parker Playhouse

“Composed by Erna on piano and acoustic guitar, and produced in his New Hampshire studio, the ten songs on ‘Hometown Life’ show off some compelling ‘other sides’ to the Godsmack frontperson, such as his forays into country, Motown soul, bossa nova, and even orchestral pieces.”

–Michael Molenda, *Guitar Player* (August 18, 2016)

FORT LAUDERDALE – Sully Erna, singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, has announced he’ll launch the “Hometown Tour” in celebration of the release of his new solo album *Hometown Life*, due out Friday, September 30 via BMG. Only this time, Erna plans on stripping it down for an intimate acoustic evening with guitar-player and band member Tim Theriault. The ‘Hometown Tour’ will launch October 26 in Atlanta.

Tickets go on sale Friday, September 9 at 10 a.m. for the concert at Parker Playhouse on Friday, October 28 at 8 p.m., which is presented by AEG Live and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Every ticket purchase includes a download of *Hometown Life*.

Composed by Erna on piano and acoustic guitar and produced in his New England-based studio, the 10 songs on *Hometown Life* are a powerful mix of blues, country and adult contemporary, all layered with orchestral overtones offering another stylistic left-hand turn from his first solo album *Avalon* as well as the music he creates as front man for the multi-platinum rock band Godsmack. Case in point, the powerful and emotional first single "Different Kind Of Tears" written with songwriter/producer Zac Maloy (Tim McGraw, Carrie Underwood).

A personal, confessional, raw work, *Hometown Life* offers a wide-ranging glimpse of Erna’s eclectic musical tastes--from singer-songwriter Billy Joel/Bruce Springsteen, to the bossa nova touch of “Take All of Me,” to the breezy island feel of “Your Own Drum,” the finger-snapping Motown bass lines of the bluesy “Turn It Up,” the country flavors of “Different Kind of Tears” and the wide-screen canvas of mini-symphonies such as “Blue Skies” and “Forever My Infinity.” All of them are tied together with Erna’s unflinching view of the emotional roller-coaster of his life, drawing us into a very intimate space.

Hometown Life explores Erna’s diverse musical touchstones from James Bay, to new country favorite Chris Stapleton to soul legends Ray Charles, Etta James and Amy Winehouse, all mixed together with the lyrical vulnerability of artists like Adele.

Ticket prices, which include the download of *Hometown Life*, are \$30–\$48 with \$147 VIP tickets which include premium seating and meeting the artist. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at www.BrowardCenter.org, www.ParkerPlayhouse.com, www.Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center’s AutoNation Box Office. Tickets are also available for purchase at the Parker Playhouse box office Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Parker Playhouse, located in Holiday Park at 707 N.E. Eighth Street in Fort Lauderdale, is an affiliated venue of the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, which provides programming and management of the facility. All dates, times, programs, artists and ticket prices are subject to change without notice.

Sun Sentinel is a proud sponsor of the Parker Playhouse.

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Catch Sully Erna this fall on the “Hometown Tour” in the following cities:

DATE	LOCATION	VENUE
WED	10/26 Atlanta, GA	Center Stage
THU	10/27 Clearwater, FL	Capitol Theatre
FRI	10/28 Fort Lauderdale, FL	Parker Playhouse
SAT	10/29 Orlando, FL	The Plaza Live
TUE	11/1 Westbury, NY	The Space at Westbury
WED	11/2 New York, NY	Gramercy Theatre
FRI	11/4 Stroudsburg, PA	Sherman Theater
SUN	11/6 Ridgefield, CT	The Ridgefield Playhouse
THU	11/10 Bangor, ME	Gracie Hall
SAT	11/12 Hampton Beach, NH	Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom
SUN	11/13 Verona, NY	Turning Stone Resort Casino
TUE	11/15 Harrisburg, PA	Whitaker Center
WED	11/16 North Tonawanda, NY	Riviera Theatre
FRI	11/18 Chicago, IL	Park West
SAT	11/19 Detroit, MI	Majestic Theatre
SUN	11/20 Pittsburgh, PA	Jergels Rythem Grill
TUE	11/22 Albany, NY	The Egg - Hart Theatre
WED	11/23 Boston, MA	Wilbur Theatre

Listen to and share the new song “Different Kind of Tears” ([here](#)).

Watch the lyric video for the first single “Different Kind of Tears:”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjqtPnwRmcg>

Listen to the title track *Hometown Life* exclusively on FUSE ([here](#)).

Watch **behind-the-scenes footage** of the making of Erna’s new album *Hometown Life*:

Episode #1: ([here](#))

Episode #2: ([here](#))

Episode #3: ([here](#))

For more information on Sully Erna, visit:

<http://sullyerna.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/SullyErna>

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<http://shop.sullyerna.com>

Hometown Life album pre-order links:

Sully Erna store: <http://shop.sullyerna.com>

iTunes: <https://smarturl.it/HometownLifeAZ>

Apple Music: <http://smarturl.it/HometownLifeAM>

Spotify: <https://smarturl.it/HometownLifeSY>

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ABOUT PARKER PLAYHOUSE

Celebrating its 50th anniversary season, the neo-classical Playhouse Parker is one of Fort Lauderdale's first venues. Built by Dr. Louis Parker, the playhouse opened its doors on February 6, 1967 and is managed now by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. This 1,168-seat, fully equipped theater plays an important role in the community by fueling economic development, while also bringing the community together with performances, activities and educational programming.