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SULLY ERNA BRINGS ‘HOMETOWN TOUR’ TO 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 – Singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist **Sully Erna** brings his “Hometown Tour” to Parker Playhouse on **Friday, October 28 at 8 p.m.** The tour celebrates the release of his new solo album *Hometown Life*, only this time, Erna plans on stripping it down for an intimate acoustic evening with guitar-player and band member Tim Theriault. Every ticket purchase includes a download of the recording.

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.

The concert is presented by AEG Live and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

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.

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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](#))

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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.