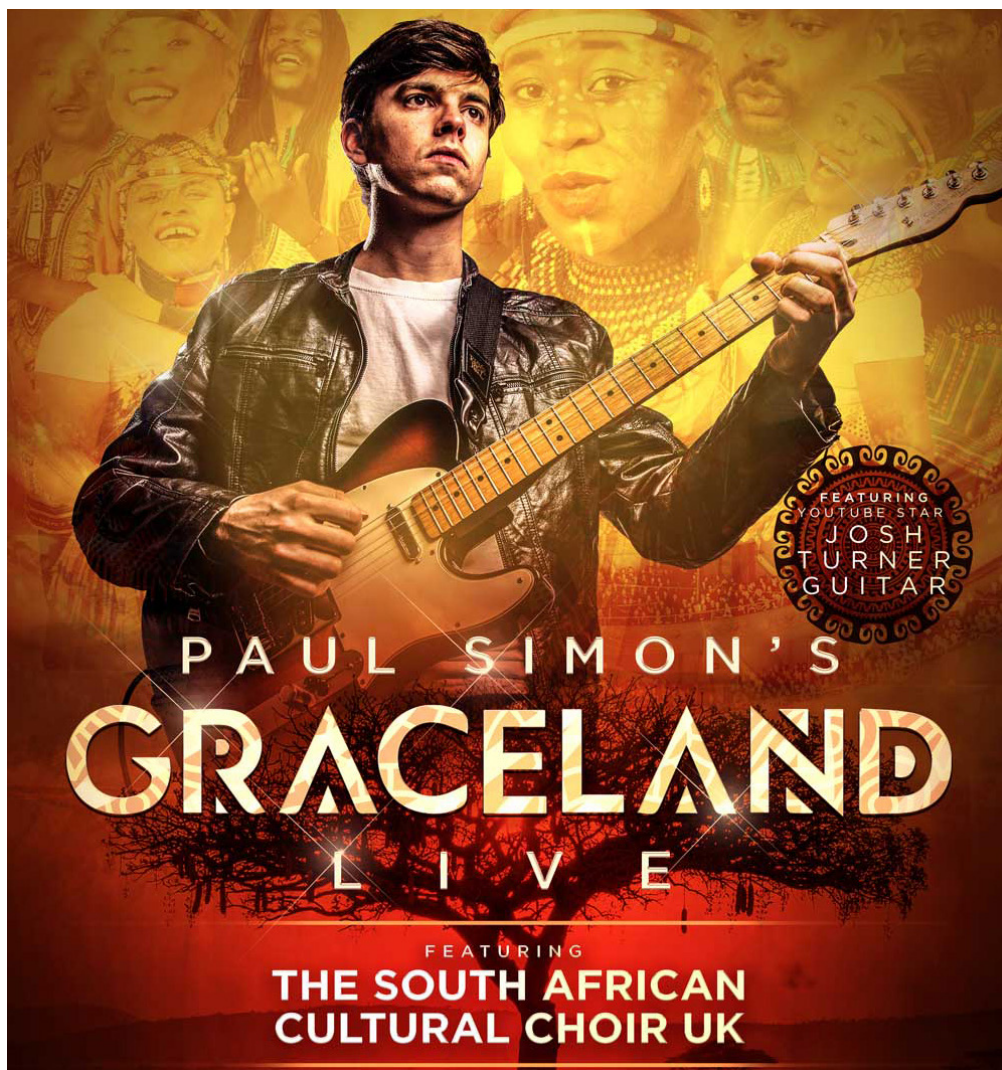


Announcing the World Premiere of *GRACELAND LIVE*

a celebration of Paul Simon's multi-Grammy award winning album

from the producers of the worldwide hit,  
*The Simon & Garfunkel Story*

starring  
YouTube guitar sensation Josh Turner as Paul Simon  
and The South African Cultural Choir UK



Producers of the West End and global smash-hit show *The Simon & Garfunkel Story* today announce the world premiere of *GRACELAND LIVE*, a celebration of Paul Simon's multi-Grammy award winning album *Graceland*.

Thirty years after the release of this ground breaking album, featuring such unforgettable songs as *You Can Call Me Al*, *Under African Skies* and *Diamonds on the Soles of Her Shoes*, this incredible concert will recreate *Graceland* in full with painstaking attention to detail.

With New York-based musician and YouTube sensation Josh Turner (whose own video of *Graceland* has been viewed 1.2 million times) as Paul Simon, the South African Cultural Choir UK recreating the fabulous Ladysmith Black Mambazo harmonies to perfection, and a live band.

A 15-date UK tour launches on Sunday 13 October at Leicester's De Montfort Hall, with more dates to be announced.

**Press are invited to review the second date of the tour at London's Shepherd's Bush Empire on Monday 14 October.**

Full tour dates attached



### **Joshua Lee Turner**

Josh started playing guitar at 13 when his PlayStation 2 was confiscated by his parents. In 2007 he began making YouTube videos, which have since garnered millions of views:

1.2 MILLION VIEWS: Graceland <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtYKjQLgnOs>.

8.3 MILLION VIEWS: Sultan of Swings: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5SC1ulxXhk>

Ranging from popular to esoteric, local to far flung, and playful to serious, Josh's videos offer a little something for everyone. Josh also performs regularly with long-time collaborator, Carson McKee, as the folk duo The Other Favorites, and will tour the UK this August with dates in Leeds, Glasgow and London's Bush Hall. Josh's first full-length solo album, *As Good A Place As Any*, was released in April 2019.

### **The South African Cultural Gospel Choir UK**

Formed from the most talented African artists and musicians based in the UK, The South African Cultural Gospel Choir UK aims to showcase African heritage, music and culture. Its choir of 20 singers has toured and performed all over UK and abroad, singing in different African languages, acapella, classical and traditional gospel songs with a seven-piece band as well as displaying energetic Zulu dancing.

### **Graceland**

In 1984, Paul Simon became fascinated by a bootleg cassette of South African township music. He visited Johannesburg, and spent two weeks recording with South African musicians. The resulting album, *Graceland* was released in 1986 and became Paul Simon's most successful studio album and his highest-charting album in over a decade, selling 16 million copies worldwide.

Lauded by critics, it won the 1987 Grammy Award for Album of the Year, and is frequently cited as one of the best albums of all time. *Graceland* also earned Simon the Best International Solo Artist award at the 1987 Brit Awards.

### **Maple Tree Entertainment - Producers**

Headed by Dean Elliott, Maple Tree Entertainment Ltd is a theatrical production company that specialise in creating, presenting and producing high quality music, drama and musicals both in the UK and across the world. Maple Tree Entertainment's flagship show *The Simon & Garfunkel Story* has been seen by hundreds of thousands of people across the world and is still today the leading theatrical show concerning Simon & Garfunkel.



**GRACELAND LIVE  
UK TOUR DATES**

**October 2019**

Sunday 13 Leicester  
De Montfort Hall

Monday 14 London  
Shepherd's Bush Empire

Thursday 17 Southend  
Cliff's Pavilion

Friday 18 High Wycombe  
Wycombe Swan

Saturday 19 Swansea  
Grand Theatre

Monday 21 Liverpool  
Philharmonic Hall

Tuesday 22 Glasgow  
Royal Concert Hall

Saturday 26 Malvern  
Festival Theatre

Sunday 27 Manchester  
Opera House

Tuesday 29 Inverness  
Eden Court Theatre

Thursday 31 Aberdeen  
Music Hall

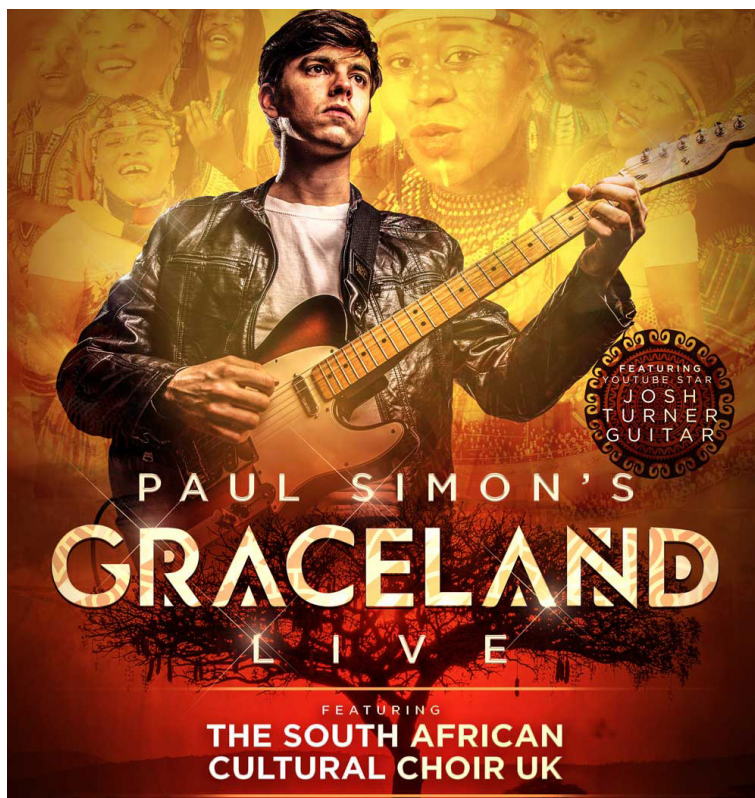
**November 2019**

Friday 1 Perth  
Concert Hall

Saturday 2 Newcastle  
City Hall

Sunday 3 Carlisle  
Sands Centre

Monday 4 Edinburgh  
Playhouse



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