

# Paul Simon Returns to Tour After Hearing Loss

## Description

After an absence of nearly a decade from the concert scene, the venerable Paul Simon is poised to grace audiences once more with a series of exclusive performances.

Now at the age of 83, Simon has announced a captivating tour, aptly titled "A Quiet Celebration Tour," that will unfold in the spring and summer of 2025. This endeavor promises an intimate concert experience.

"The evolution of this extraordinary artist continues to unfold," the press release articulates, noting Simon's decision to perform in smaller venues that boast optimal acoustics, particularly in light of the profound hearing loss he has endured in recent years.

**PAUL SIMON REVEALS HEARING LOSS, CONTEMPLATES MORTALITY: 'MY GENERATION'S TIME IS UP'**

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The legendary Paul Simon has revealed his intention to return to the stage, departing from the retirement he had previously embraced. (John Lamparski/Getty Images)

In May 2023, Simon disclosed that he had lost most of the hearing in his left ear; however, the "Sound of Silence" collaborator expressed a renewed inspiration to take the stage.

"Simon chose to perform in intimate venues where the acoustics are optimal given the severe hearing loss he has encountered over the last few years."

— Paul Simon's spokesperson

As he prepares for this intimate repertoire, Simon has been diligently rehearsing, conceptualizing how to present 'Seven Psalms' alongside nuanced arrangements of his timeless classics.



"A Quiet Celebration Tour" will debut in New Orleans on April 4th, traversing various locations across North America, concluding in Seattle in August.

This upcoming tour signifies Simon's return following his recognition of deteriorating hearing during the creation of his most recent work, "Seven Psalms."

Despite an unexpected hearing loss to his left ear, which felt insurmountable, Simon remains determined to reignite his passion for performance.

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## **Vocabulary List:**

1. **Venerable** /'ven.ər.ə.bəl/ (adjective): Deserving respect because of age wisdom or character.
2. **Captivating** /'kæp.tɪ.veɪ.tɪŋ/ (adjective): Attracting and holding interest or attention.
3. **Endeavor** /ɪn'dev.ər/ (noun): A serious effort or attempt to accomplish something.
4. **Articulates** /ɑ:r'tɪk.jə.leɪts/ (verb): Expressing an idea or feeling fluently and coherently.
5. **Optimal** /'ɒp.tɪ.məl/ (adjective): Most favorable or best for a particular purpose.
6. **Nuanced** /'nju:.ənst/ (adjective): Characterized by subtle distinctions or variations.

## **Comprehension Questions**

### **Multiple Choice**

1. When did Paul Simon announce his "A Quiet Celebration Tour"?

- Option: 2023
- Option: 2024
- Option: 2025
- Option: 2026

2. Where will Paul Simon's "A Quiet Celebration Tour" debut?

- Option: New York City



- Option: New Orleans
- Option: Los Angeles
- Option: Chicago

3. What reason is mentioned in the press release for Paul Simon's decision to perform in smaller venues?

- Option: Optimal acoustics
- Option: Large seating capacity
- Option: Better lighting effects
- Option: Cheaper ticket prices

4. What major artwork did Paul Simon work on recently?

- Option: Seven Wonders
- Option: Seven Psalms
- Option: Seven Seas
- Option: Seven Continents

5. Where will Paul Simon's "A Quiet Celebration Tour" conclude?

- Option: Miami
- Option: Dallas
- Option: San Francisco
- Option: Seattle

6. What was the title of Paul Simon's most recent work mentioned in the text?

- Option: Seven Virtues
- Option: Seven Sins
- Option: Seven Psalms
- Option: Seven Stars

### **True-False**

7. Paul Simon announced his tour through a press release.

8. Paul Simon has never experienced any hearing loss.

9. Paul Simon is known for his collaboration on the song "Sound of Silence".

10. The upcoming tour will be Paul Simon's first series of performances in a decade.



11. Paul Simon is 83 years old.

12. Paul Simon's spokesperson mentioned the reason for choosing smaller venues due to poor lighting conditions.

### Gap-Fill

13. Paul Simon revealed that he had lost most of the hearing in his left ear in \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Paul Simon's return to the stage followed his recognition of deteriorating hearing during the creation of his most recent work, "\_\_\_\_\_".

15. The press release mentioned that Paul Simon plans to perform in smaller venues where the acoustics are optimal due to the profound hearing loss he has endured over the last \_\_\_\_\_.

16. Despite an unexpected hearing loss to his left ear, Paul Simon remains determined to reignite his passion for \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The "A Quiet Celebration Tour" will conclude in \_\_\_\_\_.

18. Fox News Digital's Elizabeth Stanton contributed to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 2025 2. New Orleans 3. Optimal acoustics 4. Seven Psalms 5. Seattle

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. May 2023 14. Seven Psalms 15. few years 16. performance 17. Seattle 18. this report

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What term describes a person who seeks to promote the welfare of others?

Option: Esteemed

Option: Philanthropist



- Option: Paternal
- Option: Enigmatic

2. Which word refers to expressions of praise or admiration?

- Option: Luminary
- Option: Mellifluous
- Option: Accolades
- Option: Isolation

3. What term describes something that has subtle distinctions or variations?

- Option: Authenticity
- Option: Nuanced
- Option: Venerable
- Option: Endeavor

4. Which word signifies magnificent and impressive beauty or grandeur?

- Option: Captivating
- Option: Endeavor
- Option: Splendor
- Option: Dramatic

5. What term describes the most effective or favorable?

- Option: Amalgamation
- Option: Articulates
- Option: Optimal
- Option: Illuminated

6. Which term is used to describe something remarkably or impressively great in extent size or degree?

- Option: Paternal
- Option: Affinity
- Option: Illuminated
- Option: Prodigious

7. What adverb describes expressing oneself clearly and effectively?

- Option: Enigmatic
- Option: Articulately
- Option: Consequential
- Option: Expansive

8. What term means to make something clear or explain?

- Option: Empowering
- Option: Amalgamation
- Option: Elucidated



Option: Scrutiny

9. Which word describes something with a sudden and striking effect?

Option: Installment

Option: Consequential

Option: Dramatic

Option: Enigmatic

10. What term refers to the recognition and enjoyment of the good qualities of someone or something?

Option: Venerable

Option: Appreciation

Option: Anticipated

Option: Enigmatic

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. Embarking on a new \_\_\_\_\_ the entrepreneur hoped for success.

12. The decision had \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the company's future.

13. They felt an instant \_\_\_\_\_ for each other when they first met.

14. The bright lights \_\_\_\_\_ the stage for the performance.

15. The project underwent intense \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure its quality.

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ scholar was revered for his contributions to the field.

17. The workshop aimed at \_\_\_\_\_ individuals to take control of their lives.

18. The dish was a unique \_\_\_\_\_ of flavors from different cultures.

19. The long-\_\_\_\_\_ results of the experiment were finally revealed.

20. The speaker delivered a \_\_\_\_\_ presentation that held the audience's attention.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The conference featured a renowned industry as the keynote speaker.

22. The film received numerous awards and for its outstanding performances.



23. Her voice was a delight to listen to soothing all who heard it.
24. His instincts kicked in when he saw the child wandering alone.
25. The artist was known for creating paintings that invited interpretation.
26. The painting was verified for its and provenance by experts.
27. Starting a new required careful planning and dedication.
28. The lanterns the path through the dark forest.
29. The hermit chose a life of in the remote mountains.
30. The fusion restaurant offered an of flavors from different regions.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Philanthropist 2. Accolades 3. Nuanced 4. Splendor 5. Optimal 6. Prodigious 7. Articulate 8. Elucidated 9. Dramatic 10. Appreciation

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Endeavor 12. Consequential 13. Affinity 14. Illuminated 15. Scrutiny 16. Venerable 17. Empowering 18. Amalgamation 19. Anticipated 20. Captivating

**Matching sentence:** 1. Luminary 2. Accolades 3. Mellifluous 4. Paternal 5. Enigmatic 6. Authenticity 7. Endeavor 8. Illuminated 9. Isolation 10. Amalgamation

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