

Music



Garth Brooks
"Sevens"
Capitol
Grade: A

When a song's ambiguity leaves the listener wondering if the singer's talking about his truck or his woman, you've got pure country.

And with 20 No. 1 hits since his debut album in 1989, Garth Brooks shows he's still got what it takes.

Though his latest album, "Sevens," released last week, has strayed a little from his country roots, Brooks is still

singing straight from the heart.

"Defining Garth is kind of tough," Brooks said at a Lincoln press conference in September. "Garth is left field to right field and even on out there."

Unlike his first six albums, which contained 10 songs each, Brooks busts out 14 tracks of new material on "Sevens," providing something for everyone.

"If they like the real traditional stuff, then there's more traditional stuff on there," Brooks said. "And the people that do the other Garth stuff that sometimes we classify like 'The Dance' or 'Standing Outside the Fire,' 'We Shall Be Free,' there's that stuff on there, too."

For the pure country lover, "Sevens" contains a handful of straight honky-tonkin' songs such as "Cowboy Cadillac," in which Brooks explains his love for a truck - or is it a woman? - and "Longneck Bottle," a swing-like tune and the album's first release.

"It's a swing tune that isn't swing,"

Brooks said. "It's got a straight beat instead of a swing beat. But it's got a swing feel to it. So we liked that because it's different from anything else we had cut."

Among the nontraditional country sounding songs is "Two Piña Coladas," a tune that brings a Caribbean feel to an everyday problem.

"It's for a guy who just decided to say, 'Screw it. I'm going to disappear and just drink myself into happiness,'" Brooks said.

Brooks slows the tempo down in most of the other songs, and the lyrics really make them strong. Included is "In Another's Eyes," a duet with Trisha Yearwood.

To say the least, "Sevens" is a little different from anything Brooks has put out, but what the heck? It works.

"You've got extremely Garth and you've got extremely Garth," Brooks said, "but it's always been left and right."

-David Wilson

The Artist will perform in yearlong 'jam' tour

From Staff Reports

The "Jam of the Year" is coming to Omaha, and the Sunday formerly known as Dec. 14 may never be the same.

The Artist, formerly known as Prince, will perform Dec. 14 at the Omaha Civic Auditorium Arena. The "Jam of the Year" tour features a selection of the Artist's greatest hits, recent recordings and as-yet-unre-

leased material.

Tickets for the show go on sale Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Omaha Civic Auditorium Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets.

Tickets are \$45, \$35 and \$19.99. To discourage scalping, tickets for the \$45 VIP seating will be available only at the Omaha Civic Auditorium Box Office and through Ticketmaster phone orders. There will be a four ticket limit on the \$45 tickets.

Papillion-LaVista hallways hold key to movie memories

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for the discussion about how physics applies to lighting and filming.

Twenty-five students also are serving as interns for the movie. One student is working directly with the director and several other students are working with the director of photography. Other students have worked on location management, set design, wardrobe, costumes and makeup.

Those interested in interning contacted Bell, who selected applicants based on teacher recommendations.


Bell now is working around the students' schedules.

"This has been a really great opportunity for all the students," she said. "I don't think they realized all the different facets of the movie industry."

Sunderman said he hoped the students would have fond memories of the experience.

"The process is a long process," he said. "We'll look forward to having it done, but when the movie comes out, it will be nice for the students to say, 'I remember that!' or 'I went to high school there!'"

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