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# Georgia Southern's Performing Arts Center celebrates Homecoming weekend with "Coming Home: An Evening with Tony Arata and Friends"

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The Performing Arts Center (PAC) at Georgia Southern University is celebrating the University's Homecoming week with Georgia native, Georgia Southern alumnus and songwriting master Tony Arata. Arata will perform with his crew of talented friends: Pat Alger, J. Fred Knobloch, Grammy winner Mark D. Sanders, and harmonica extraordinaire Kirk "Jelly Roll" Johnson. During the PAC's presentation of "Coming Home: An Evening with Tony Arata and Friends," on Friday,

Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m., the acclaimed musician and his comrades will share an intimate "in-the-round" performance filled with the stories and inspirations behind the songs audience members know and love.

Each member of the group is a fixture at Nashville's world-famous Bluebird Café and will perform songs like Grammy-nominated and CMA Song of the Year "The Dance," "The Thunder Rolls," "Unanswered Prayers," "I Hope You Dance," "Out of the Blue Clear Sky," "If My Heart Had Wings," and 2015 Grammy Award-winning country song "I'm Not Gonna Miss You."

The creative genius behind Garth Brooks' mega-hit song "The Dance," Tony Arata is a renowned Nashville songwriter and has written hits for numerous artists, including Trisha Yearwood, Reba McEntire, Bonnie Raitt, Emmylou Harris and Lee Roy Parnell. Arata has previously played to sold-out crowds at the Averitt Center for the Arts and the Tybee Post Theater.

Tickets are available through the PAC Box Office by phone at 478-7999 or in person at 847 Plant Drive, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased online at [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/PAC](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/PAC) by clicking the eTix logo.

Detailed show information and ticket prices, as well as pictures and video clips, can be found at [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/PAC](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/PAC).