

THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

The band *Shades of Simon* were deeply touched by the death of a fellow local musician last year, Dee Hepburn.

Dee sadly died of a glioblastoma in the autumn of 2020 at the age of 42. She had a lovely personality and was an outstanding pianist-singer-songwriter and very popular on the Essex music scene.

Once Dee had been diagnosed, she became a stalwart supporter of the Brain Tumour Charity and did several fundraising concerts herself.

In staging this concert the band hope to raise awareness, and indeed funds for the charity, in tribute to Dee.

Thank you for supporting us tonight!



All the profits from tonight's concert are being donated to the Brain Tumour Charity.

Brain tumours are the biggest cancer killer of children and adults under 40. The charity are committed to having the biggest possible impact, for everyone affected by a brain tumour in the UK.

At least 88,000 children and adults are currently estimated to be living with a brain tumour in the UK. And the impact can be devastating. Just 12% of adults survive for five years after diagnosis and brain tumours reduce life expectancy by an average of 27 years - the highest of any cancer.

Despite this, treatments haven't changed in 40 years and research into brain tumours is still woefully underfunded. In fact, just 3% of the money spent each year on cancer research in the UK is spent on brain tumours.

The charity not only helps raise funding for brain tumour research but also provides support for people diagnosed with a brain tumour.

100% of the charity's funds are raised through donations, sponsorship, and events like this concert.

Claire Howell, the regional representative of the Brain Tumour Charity is with us tonight and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the charity and how you can support their work. You'll find her at the Brain Tumour Charity display desk in the foyer.

You can also read more about the work of the charity on their website - thebraintumourcharity.org

CHARITY CONCERT



PROGRAMME



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The concert will start at 8pm.

There will be an interval at approx 9pm for 30 minutes.

We do not have a licensed bar but we invite you to enjoy a free glass of wine or soft drink which will be served in the foyer during the interval.

There will also be a raffle. Prizes have been generously donated and all proceeds will be going to the Brain Tumour Charity. Please do support it - there are some great prizes to be won!

The concert should finish around 10:30pm

Shades of Simon

An outstanding 5-piece band presenting the story and authentic sound of the songs of Paul Simon

ABOUT SIMON & GARFUNKEL

Although the folk duo Simon & Garfunkel only performed together for a comparatively short period between 1963-1970 they have sold over 100 million records and their iconic songs like *The Sound of Silence*, *Mrs Robinson*, *The Boxer* and *Bridge Over Troubled Water* have become standards enduring the test of time.

As artistes, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel had a stormy relationship and both pursued separate careers following their premature breakup.

Although Art Garfunkel is renowned for his incredible vocal range it was Paul Simon who was the mastermind behind the writing of their songs and he continued to pursue a highly successful songwriting and solo career right through to his retirement from touring in 2018 at the age of 76.

ABOUT SHADES OF SIMON

Shades of Simon are a band of musicians with a lifetime of experience who love the music of Paul Simon and who have been brought together to specifically create a theatre show to celebrate the story of his life.

The show incorporates a narrative and authentic performances of the best and most memorable songs of Paul Simon's 60 year career, presented from solo acoustic through to full productions as a 5-piece band.

The Band: Colin Davies (vocals, acoustic guitar & keyboards), Paul Bleach (piano & vocals), Kelvin Ward (bass guitar), John Austin (electric guitar), Dave Johns (drums & percussion). PA system kindly provided & operated by John White.

You can read more about the band on their website at shadesofsimon.com

You are welcome to take photographs. However copyright licensing law does not permit video or audio recordings to be made of the songs performed. Some authorised filming is taking place at this event for the band's forthcoming promotional video.