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NEW YORK -- Are you ready for Simon and McFerrin?

Paul Simon probably never had a vocal partner quite like Bobby McFerrin, who coaxed him onstage for an impromptu performance of a Simon and Garfunkel hit -- the highlight of opening night of Jazz at Lincoln Center's 25th anniversary season.

In his unique style, McFerrin had just started singing "Scarborough Fair" at Thursday night's concert -- singing the lyrics while using his voice as a musical accompaniment -- when he suddenly stopped to say that someone had spotted Simon in the audience.

"I don't know really how you feel about improv, but there's an extra microphone over there," he said to Simon. Simon initially demurred.

But with the audience cheering, McFerrin said in a high-pitched falsetto: "I just think you can sing this one better than I can."

"How could you do that to me," Simon said good-naturedly as he joined McFerrin onstage at the Rose Theater for an unexpected guest turn.

McFerrin quickly proved that he's no Art Garfunkel, whose tight vocal harmonies



BOBBY MCFERRIN



PAUL SIMON

with Simon turned "Scarborough Fair" and other songs into '60s hits.

Simon quickly adjusted to McFerrin's loose, irreverent style as they echoed each other's lines, broke up the lyrics and adapted their singing to saxophonist Ted Nash's arrangement of the Simon song for the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra.

LONDON -- Britain says it doesn't plan to cut short Prince Harry's deployment to Afghanistan, despite the Taliban attack on the base where he is stationed.

Two U.S. Marines died in the assault on Camp Bastion in Helmand Province Friday, and Taliban claimed it carried out the attack to avenge an anti-Islamic film that insulted the Prophet Muhammad and because

Harry is there. Britain's defense minister said the prince's deployment was carefully planned and the threat to all British troops can be continually assessed and appropriate measures taken to mitigate it."

BOSTON -- Viacom Inc. Executive Chairman Sumner Redstone has donated \$18 million to the Boston University School of Law.

The money will be used to expand facilities, including the construction of a new building to be named after Sumner, a Boston native.

PHILADELPHIA -- He's a tyrant, born and bred, and Fabrizio Boccardi is happy with that.

The entrepreneur is tutoring the fictional Michael Tiranno as a kind of anti-hero for the ages, spanning not just graphic novels and books, but ultimately films and real life, too.

With Las Vegas as his base, Boccardi said last week that the Tyrant -- whose adventures were detailed in the novel "The Seven Sins: The Tyrant Ascending" by Jon Land -- will be expanding into comics, games and other media, too, with a blend of fantasy, true crime, luxury and, of course, secrets.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

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Today is Sunday, Sept. 16, the 260th day of 2012. There are 106 days left in the year. The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana, begins at sunset.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

**On Sept. 16, 1857**, the song "Jingle Bells" by James Pierpont was copyrighted under its original title, "One Horse Open Sleigh." (The song, while considered a Christmas-time perennial, was actually written by Pierpont for Thanksgiving.)

sports memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas. (Simpson was later convicted of kidnapping and armed robbery and sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison.) The Phoenix Mercury beat the Detroit Shock 108-92 to win their first WNBA title. "The Sopranos" claimed its final Emmy award as best dramatic series; "30 Rock" won best comedy series.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama signed into law a major overhaul of the

68. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 64. Actress Susan Ruttan is 64. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 64. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 63. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 62. Country singer-songwriter Phil Lee is 61. Actor-comedian Lenny Clarke is 59. Actor Kurt Fuller is 59. Jazz musician Earl Klugh is 59. Actor Christopher Rich is 59. Singer Frank Reed (The Chitlites) is 58. TV personality

## Otherw

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 41-year-old divorced mother of two. I own my own business. God blessed me with my first home two years ago, and I'm happier than I have been in years.

I'm writing because I have been seeing a man for about six months whom I met at church. We have attended the same church for about two years. "Gavin" has never been married, has no children and doesn't want any.

We have a great time together. We act like teenagers in love. I know he's not seeing anyone else because we spend too much time together. Gavin calls me four to five times a day, brings me lunch at work and takes me out to eat all the time. He constantly buys me presents and helps my daughter out with money when things get tight. He has even helped me financially a few times and refuses to let me pay him back. I am falling in love with him.

My problem? Every time I try to let Gavin know how I feel, he tells me not to let that happen. It's not what he wants, and he wants me to stop. (Yeah, right! Like I can turn my feelings on and off.) Anyway, he says we are not a couple, and I am free

DEAR ABBY



Dear Abby i written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, ana was foundea by her moth Pauline Phillips.



**On this date:**

**In 1498,** Tomas de Torquemada, notorious for his role in the Spanish Inquisition, died in Avila, Spain.

**In 1810,** Mexicans were inspired to begin their successful revolt against Spanish rule by Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla and his "Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores)."

**In 1893,** more than 100,000 settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."

**In 1908,** General Motors was founded in Flint, Mich., by William C. Durant.

**In 1919,** the American Legion received a national charter from Congress.

**In 1940,** President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act. Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

**In 1953,** "The Robe," the first movie presented in the widescreen process CinemaScope, had its world premiere at the Roxy Theater in New York.

**In 1972,** "The Bob Newhart Show" premiered on CBS.

**In 1977,** Maria Callas, the American-born prima donna famed for her lyric soprano and fiery temperament, died in Paris at age 53.

**In 1982,** the massacre of between 1,200 and 1,400 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied Christian Phalange militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

**In 1987,** two dozen countries signed the Montreal Protocol, a treaty designed to save the Earth's ozone layer by calling on nations to reduce emissions of harmful chemicals by the year 2000.

**In 1992,** former U.S. Rep. Millicent Fenwick, R-N.J., died at age 82.

**Ten years ago:** U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan announced that Iraq had unconditionally accepted the return of U.N. weapons inspectors.

**Five years ago:** Contractors for the U.S. security firm Blackwater USA guarding a U.S. State Department convoy in Baghdad opened fire on civilian vehicles, mistakenly believing they were under attack; 17 Iraqis died. A One-Two-Go Airlines passenger plane crashed on the island of Phuket, Thailand, killing 89 people. O.J. Simpson was arrested in the al-

nation's patent system to ease the way for inventors to bring their products to market. A World War II-era fighter plane plunged into spectators during air races in Reno, Nev., killing 74-year-old Florida stunt pilot Jimmy Leeward and 10 others. A Russian Soyuz capsule carrying three crew members, including NASA astronaut Ron Garan, from the International Space Station touched down safely in Kazakhstan, but not without rattling nerves after a breakdown in communications.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Janis Paige is 90. Actress Lauren Bacall is 88. Blues singer B.B. King is 87. Clergyman-author Rev. Robert H. Schuller is 86. Actor George Chakiris is 80. Movie director Jim McBride is 71. Actress Linda Miller is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Betty Kelly (Martha & the Vandellas) is

Mark McEwen is 58. Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Yount is 57. Actor Mickey Rourke is 56. Magician David Copperfield is 56. Country singer-songwriter Terry McBride is 54. Actress Jennifer Tilly is 54. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Orel Hershiser is 54. Retired MLB All-Star Tim Lincecum is 53. Actress Jayne Brook is 52. Singer Richard Marx is 49. Comedian Molly Shannon is 48. Singer Marc Anthony is 44. Comedian-actress Amy Poehler is 41. Country singer Matt Stillwell is 37. Singer Musiq is 35. Actress Alexis Bledel is 31. Actress Sabrina Bryan is 28. Actress Madeline Zima is 27. Actress Kyla Pratt is 26. Actor Daren Kagasoff is 25. Rock singer Teddy Geiger is 24. Actress-dancer Bailey Buntain (TV: "Bunheads") is 23. Rock singer-musician Nick Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 20.

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