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"The Oprah Winfrey Show" is making the leap from television to podcast. Winfrey's company, OWN, has announced that the TV icon's hit talk show will be released as a serialized podcast early next month, People magazine reported Tuesday. Audible versions of more than 4,500 episodes spanning 25 years will launch weekly after the first 10 installments debut March 3.

— The Associated Press

**BACKSTAGE PASS**

Insights on stage, screen and beyond.

**Music of Supertramp Pulses Through Crowd**

Roger Hodgson performed for an energetic crowd Wednesday night at The Sharon.

By KRISTEN FIORE  
Daily Sun Senior Writer

"Take the Long Way Home" might've been the perfect opening song. The smooth build-up fluidly set up the whole show, an energetic and musically robust performance by Supertramp's Roger Hodgson on Wednesday night at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

Hodgson is a Supertramp co-founder and also the writer of many of the group's hits

such as "Breakfast in America," "Fool's Overture" and "Take the Long Way Home."

"I took the long way back to Florida, that's for sure," Hodgson said after the opening song. "You're so lucky to live down here. We just got back from the frozen north."

The theater filled with sporadic cheers and whistles and buzzed with energy throughout the show.

"Let it out, let it out," Hodgson said.

Standing before illuminated green palm trees and under yellow, blue and purple lights, Hodgson and his band performed songs like "School," "Breakfast in America," "Hide in Your Shell," "Along Came Mary," "The Logical Song," "Lord Is It Mine" and more.

"This one I wrote when I was 19—just a couple of years ago," Hodgson joked before playing "Breakfast in America."

Sharon and Ron Roberge, of the Village of Orange Blossom Gardens, are Supertramp fans who came to see the show.

"It was our generation," Ron said. "We were listening to Supertramp in '79, '80. The songs bring back memories."

"And it's convenient to come to The Sharon," Sharon added.

Beverly and Alan Schulz, of the Village of Dunedin, are also



Supertramp's Roger Hodgson plays the opening of the song "School" during a sold-out show.

is," he said. "I think I've lived a charmed life, especially for a musician, because I live a lot of musicians' dreams, and I don't take that for granted. I'm very thankful."

When he was growing up, music became his safe space, Hodgson explained. He never knew that the songs he wrote in his teens, 20s and 30s would go on to touch so many people.

"That's the magic of music and what brings us all together," he said. "I just want to thank you all for all your love and support."

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fans of the music who wanted the opportunity to see it live.

"It has a good dance beat," Beverly said.

It certainly did. Hodgson's voice is strong and distinct, and his band expertly covered all of the instrumental elements of the music.

In the middle of the concert, Hodgson took a moment to reflect on his career.

"Some days I have to pinch myself that my life is what it

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