Diana Ross coming back to Peace Center

Tickets go on sale today at 10 a.m.

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Stop in the name of love!

Pop legend Diana Ross will return to Greenville on Sunday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m., the Peace Center said Friday.

Tickets, starting at $75, go on sale today at 10 a.m. at all Peace Center outlets, including by phone (864-467-3000 or 1-800-888-7768) or online (www.peacecenter.org) or at the box office, located at 300 South Main St.

Ross last performed here in 2011, concluding her sold-out concert by saying, "If you need me, call me."

Apparently the Peace Center called.

With a career spanning six decades, Ross, 69, first rose to fame as a founding member and lead singer of the Motown group The Supremes in the early 1960s.

After leaving the group in 1970, Ross began a solo career that has included successful ventures into film and Broadway. She received a Best Actress Academy Award nomination for her role as Billie Holiday in "Lady Sings the Blues" (1972), for which she won a Golden Globe award for most promising female newcomer.

Ross has sold more than 100 million records worldwide and has recorded 18 No. 1 hits.

She has won seven American Music Awards, and won a special Tony Award for her one-woman show, "An Evening with Diana Ross," in 1977.

At her 2011 Greenville concert, Ross offered a musical journey through every decade of her career, beginning with favorites from her Supremes days such as "Where Did Our Love Go," "Baby Love" and "Stop! In the Name of Love."

Backed by a 12-piece band at the performance, Ross breezed through the years and a variety of styles, from pop to disco and blues. She sang "I'm Coming Out," "Upside Down," "The Look of Love" and the "Theme from Mahogany (Do you Know Where You're Going To)," among other hits.

For more information, call the Peace Center at 864-467-3000 or visit www.peacecenter.org.

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