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Rogers Gives Sold-Out Audience a Career Retrospective Friday

The country music legend brought his final world tour to an appreciative crowd at The Sharon.

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The Gambler looked at the cards that were dealt to him and decided it was time to walk away.

Country music legend Kenny Rogers brought his final world tour to a sold-out audience Friday night at the Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

He, along with vocalist Linda Davis and a six-piece band, took the audience on a journey through his 60-plus-year career, performing such hits as “Ruby Don’t Take Your Love to Town,” “Through

the Years,” “Lady,” and “The Gambler.”

Sitting in the second row, Mary Russo was one of the lucky few to get an autographed tambourine during “Islands in the Stream.”

“Everything was my favorite song,” said Russo, of the Village of Tamarind Grove. “I am sad (this is his final tour). I’ll have to break out his old movies and concert videos.”

Cathy Roy, of the Village Hacienda East, was seeing Rogers live for the first time Friday.

“It was a nice recap of his entire career,” Roy said. “His music tells stories. They resonate with what’s going on in my life.”

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