

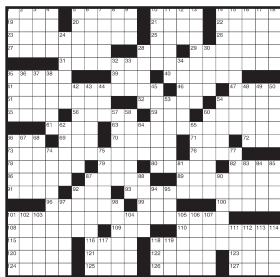
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Sibling Singers Perform 'Sister Act'

By **MARLO JAPPEN**

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If you were expecting a musical comedy about singing nuns, you may have been disappointed. But, on May 21, sisters Andrea Giammalvo and Celeste Santini had a crowd of people singing and dancing at the Levittown library with their performance "Sister Act."

To help celebrate senior month, the sisters took their audience on a trip through the decades by impersonating some of their all-time favorite female vocalists. Dressing up in colorful wigs and costumes, Giammalvo and Santini emulated some of the greats—like the Andrews Sisters and Judy Garland—and powerhouse artists such as Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin and Shania Twain, to name a few.

"My favorite artist to impersonate is Cher," Giammalvo said.

The sisters would also perform showtunes from Broadway classics like, *The Fiddler on the Roof* and *Les Miserable*. Santini would even don the curly red locks and a red sequin dress to perform "Tomorrow" from the Broadway classic *Annie*.

"Sister Act" involved lots of audience participation and a high energy that was well received by the crowd.

"They are fresh and delightful," said Estelle Roseman, 87. "I'd see them again anytime."

The audience clapped and even sang along when the sisters performed "I'm so Excited" by the



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Pointer Sisters and Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Want to Have Fun."

"I enjoyed it a lot," said Phillip Zysberg, 78. "It was fantastic. I've seen them 5 times before. I think they are the best of all distinguished artists."

Brought up in the Bronx, Giammalvo and Santini said they grew up in a musical household.

"Children know about the Beatles and Elvis, but I felt that young girls should know these women," Giammalvo said.

Aside from playing at other libraries in the area, they also perform at schools.

"I think our performance at this library went well," she said. "The audience was very receptive and warm. I saw a lot of smiles."

Giammalvo credits the success of their performance to the strong bond that she and her sister share.

"We are truly best friends," said Giammalvo. "Our love is what makes us a special act."



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