

# RUTH ECKERD HALL

RICHARD B. BAUMGARDNER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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### RUTH ECKERD HALL RANKED TOP TEN IN THE WORLD BY INDUSTRY TRADE MAGAZINES

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**June 18, 2009, Clearwater, FL** – Entertainment industry trade publication *Venues Today* announced that Ruth Eckerd Hall ranked #10 in the world in venues having 5,000 seats or less. With that same ranking, Ruth Eckerd Hall is #2 in venues having 2,500 seats or less. This ranking is based on concert and event gross from April 16 to May 15 2009, with 11 performances during that period. Ruth Eckerd Hall ranked higher than such prestigious venues as the Arie Crown Theater in Chicago, the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center in Orlando and The Balboa Theatre in San Diego, California.

Additionally, *Pollstar*, another leading entertainment industry trade publication recently announced that Ruth Eckerd Hall is ranked #9 in the world in venues having 10,000 seats or less. Within that same ranking, Ruth Eckerd Hall is #2 in Florida and #1 in Central Florida. Based on this quarterly report, Ruth Eckerd Hall had ticket sales of 88,704 between January 1, 2009 and March 31, 2009.

During this three month period Ruth Eckerd Hall presented 73 performances and had 10 sellouts, ranking Ruth Eckerd Hall at #3 in the world in venues having 2,500 seats or less.

Ruth Eckerd Hall continues its 26<sup>th</sup> season with a stellar lineup of shows including Richard Elliot, Rick Braun & Jonathan Butler, Michael McDonald & Boz Scaggs, Paul Potts, the smash hit musical *Mamma Mia!*, Willie Nelson and Bonnie Raitt.

Reserved tickets are available at the Ruth Eckerd Hall Ticket Office located at 1111 McMullen Booth Road in Clearwater, by calling 727.791.7400 or by logging on to [www.rutherfordhall.com](http://www.rutherfordhall.com). The Ruth Eckerd Hall Ticket Office is open Monday through Saturday, from noon to 6 pm and one hour prior to showtime.

*Designed by the prestigious Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Ruth Eckerd Hall is known for its 2,180-seat, acoustically perfect auditorium. Artists from America and around the world, ranging from classical, rock, opera, Broadway, jazz, pop and more are included in the stellar lineup of more than 200 performances a year.*

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