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COMEDIAN BILL COSBY TO RECEIVE THE 2009 MARK TWAIN PRIZE FOR AMERICAN HUMOR IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Television star and humorist to perform at
Ruth Eckerd Hall on Saturday, March 27 at 5 and 8 pm.

Tickets are on sale now

October 26, 2009, Clearwater, FL – The Kennedy Center will award the twelfth annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor to 1998 Kennedy Center Honoree Bill Cosby, one of America's – and the world's – foremost humorists, in a star-studded show to be taped today. Entertainers include Willie Nelson, Phylicia Rashad, Carl Reiner, Chris Rock, Jerry Seinfeld, Sinbad and Malcolm-Jamal Warner.

The program to be taped by WETA Washington D.C. as *Bill Cosby: The Mark Twain Prize* is scheduled to air locally on WEDU, November 4, 2009 (check local listings).

Cosby will appear at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 5 & 8 pm. Finding humor in everyday faults, foibles and successes, as well as providing insight into our roles as family members, men and women Cosby tickles our funny bones while touching our hearts.

Reserved tickets priced at \$63.00, \$50.00 and \$42.00 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 onto 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. Tickets will also be available by logging onto www.ticketmaster.com.

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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