



RUTH ECKERD HALL

RICHARD B. BAUMGARDNER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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RUTH ECKERD HALL NAMED FAVORITE CONCERT HALL BY READERS OF TAMPA BAY MAGAZINE

May 12, 2008 – Clearwater, FL Entertainment publication *Tampa Bay Magazine* announced the results of *2008's Best of Tampa Bay* Reader's Poll and Ruth Eckerd Hall was named Favorite Concert Hall from votes received earlier this spring.

Ruth Eckerd Hall continues to celebrate its 25th anniversary with a stellar line-up of shows running throughout the summer including:

Larry the Cable Guy • May 15 - 17

The Kids in the Hall • May 23

Natasha Bedingfield • May 24

Dream Theater • June 1

Steely Dan • June 9

Go Diego Go, Live! • June 10 and 11

Melissa Etheridge • June 15

True Colors Tour • June 18 *with Cyndi Lauper, B-52's, and Rosie O'Donnell.*

Ashlee Simpson • June 19

Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band • July 2 *Including Billy Squier, Gary Wright, Edgar Winter, Hamish Stuart, Colin Hay & Gregg Bissonette*

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo • July 7

The Soundtrack of Your Summer Tour featuring *Boys Like Girls & Good Charlotte*, with *Metro Station* and *The Maine* • July 29

Mark Knopfler • July 30

Return to Forever • July 31 *with Chick Corea, Al DiMeola, Stanley Clarke & Lenny White*

Hippiefest • Aug. 9 *National touring festival including Jack Bruce of Cream, The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie, Melanie, Badfinger featuring Joey Molland, Eric Burdon and The Animals, Jonathan Edwards and a Hippie Marketplace in our Grand Concourse with vendors & food from the era.*

Jim Gaffigan • Aug. 1

In addition, Ruth Eckerd Hall On The Road will present concerts at venues in the Tampa Bay area, including Andrew Dice Clay on June 27 and Shelby Lynne on July 17 at the Tampa Theatre and the Saturday Night Concert Series after Tampa Bay Rays baseball games with The Commodores on May 24, Trace Adkins on May 31, Gilberto Santa Rosa on June 14, Kool and the Gang on June 21, Loverboy on July 5, MC Hammer on July 19 and LL Cool J on August 2.

For further information patrons are encouraged to visit rutherfordhall.com or call the box office at 727.791.7400.

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