

RUTH ECKERD HALL

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THE PROGRESSIVE NATION TOUR 2009 RETURNS TO RUTH ECKERD HALL WITH DREAM THEATER, ZAPPA PLAYS ZAPPA, PAIN OF SALVATION AND BEARDFISH ON SUNDAY, JULY 26 AT 7 PM

Tickets are on sale now

June 5, 2009, Clearwater, FL – The Progressive Nation Tour 2009 returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall with headliner Dream Theater on Sunday, July 26 at 7 pm. Zappa Plays Zappa, Pain of Salvation and Beardfish will open the show. Tickets are on sale now.

Known for their unpredictable, improvised and often humor-laced concert style Dream Theater returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall for the first time since their incredible performance in June 2008 in support of their scheduled May release *Black Clouds & Silver Linings*, a collection of cover songs. The first release will be a cover of Rainbow's *Stargazer*.

Also on the tour is Zappa Plays Zappa. Formed by Dweezil Zappa, son of Frank, Zappa Plays Zappa is exactly what the name implies, Dweezil along with his band, playing the music of the great musician Frank Zappa.

Also joining the tour this year is Pain of Salvation, a Swedish progressive metal band with a sound characterized by powerful, accentuated guitar work, broad vocals and polyrhythmic experimentation. This will be their first US tour since 2004. Their seventh studio album is due soon.

In addition, Beardfish, also a progressive rock band from Sweden known for their progressive rock style that was popular in the 1970s. *Destined Solitaire*, their most recent recording was released in 2009.

Reserved tickets priced at \$75.50, \$57.50 and \$45.50 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 12 noon to 6 pm and one hour prior to showtime.

Designed by the prestigious Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Ruth Eckerd Hall celebrates its 26th season as the number six ranked venue in the world, according to the entertainment industry trade publication Billboard Magazine. 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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