

# RUTH ECKERD HALL

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**KENNY VANCE & THE PLANOTONES  
TO PERFORM AT THE HISTORIC  
CAPITOL THEATRE  
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 AT 7:30 PM**

***UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL***

**Tickets go on sale this Friday, July 17 at noon**

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**July 14, 2009, Clearwater, FL** – Kenny Vance and The Planotones will perform in concert at the historic Capitol Theatre in the Cleveland Street District in Downtown Clearwater on Friday, August 28 at 7:30 pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, July 17 at noon. *Up Close and Personal* will be a 3 hour retrospective of Kenny's career in the music business, featuring a full concert and a question and answer session.

Kenny was captivated by the magic of rock 'n roll as a kid in New York while hanging around the famed Brill Building, and eventually formed the successful group Jay and the Americans. He then formed the Doo Wop Supergroup, The Planotones who gave their first on-screen performance for the film *American Hot Wax*, for which Kenny recreated the musical groups of the 50's and 60's screen.

As an actor, Kenny has appeared in *Hurly Burly*, *Billy Bathgate*, *American Hot Wax*, *Eddie & The Cruisers*, and in the Woody Allen films *Manhattan*, *Stardust Memories*, *Crimes and Misdemeanors* and *Husbands and Wives*. Kenny also served as musical director for *Saturday Night Live* and music supervisor for the films *Animal House*, *Eddie & The Cruisers*, and *Looking For An Echo*.

Kenny re-formed The Planotones in 1992 and continues to bring his passion, along with his soulful vocals, to new heights which will be seen in the *Up Close and Personal* performance at the Capitol Theatre.

Reserved tickets priced at \$39.50 will **only** be 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](http://www.rutherfordhall.com). The Ruth Eckerd Hall Ticket Office is open Monday through Saturday, from noon to 6 pm. A limited number of VIP tickets priced at \$60.00 will also be available, which includes a premium seat within the first three rows and a meet and greet.

*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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