

RUTH ECKERD HALL

RICHARD B. BAUMGARDNER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS



PRESS RELEASE

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**ECKERD THEATER COMPANY
AT THE MARCIA P. HOFFMAN PERFORMING ARTS INSTITUTE
AT RUTH ECKERD HALL
TO HOLD AUDITIONS ON MAY 22 FROM 3 TO 7 PM**

Male and Female actors are encouraged to audition

May 8, 2009, Clearwater, FL – Eckerd Theater Company (ETC) will hold auditions for energetic local actors of any ethnicity and gender, ages 18-35 to tour in ETC's 2009-2010 season on Friday, May 22 from 3 to 7 pm at Ruth Eckerd Hall.

Casting will be for *Stone Soup & Dragon Dumplings*, a play for very young audiences with songs and puppets. Casting will also be held seeking future cast replacements for *Nightfall with Edgar Allan Poe*. Actors must be available to be on the road for up to a month at a time. All actors will have technical responsibilities and will be trained to lead workshops and discussions of the play.

Those auditioning should prepare a 1 minute comedic monologue and 16 bars of a song to be sung without accompaniment. You may be asked to read from the script(s) and to do a dance combination.

For more information about the audition, including to make an appointment, actors are encouraged to call or email Melody Craven at 727-712-2784 or MCraven@rutherfordhall.net.

Ruth Eckerd Hall is located at 1111 N. McMullen Booth Road, Clearwater, Florida 33759.

ETC, based at The Marcia P. Hoffman Performing Arts Institute at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, Florida is a professional non-Equity company of full-time adult actors that tours throughout the Eastern United States. All positions are paid.

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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