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STEELY DAN / RENT PARTY '09 TOUR COMES TO RUTH ECKERD HALL FRIDAY, JUNE 12 AT 8 PM

Tickets go on sale this Friday at 10 am

April 28, 2009, Clearwater, FL – Rock & Roll Hall of Famers, Walter Becker and Donald Fagen have announced that Steely Dan will bring their Rent Party '09 Tour to Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater on Friday, June 12 at 8 pm for the first time since their sold-out show in June 2008. Tickets go on sale this Friday, May 1 at 10 am.

Steely Dan helped define the soundtrack of the 70s with hits such as *Reelin' in the Years*, *Rikki Don't Lose That Number*, *Do It Again*, *Deacon Blues*, *Peg*, *Babylon Sisters*, and *Hey Nineteen*, culled from their seven platinum albums issued between 1972 and 1980 (including the groundbreaking *Aja*). They reunited in the early 90s and toured throughout the decade, releasing multi-Grammy winner *Two Against Nature* in 2000 and its acclaimed follow-up *Everything Must Go* in 2003. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001. In November 2007, Donald released *Nightfly Trilogy* (on Rhino Records) and in June of last year, Walter released *Circus Money* (on 5 Over 12 Records).

Concertgoers can expect a hefty draft of the incomparable Steely Dan experience this year. Supported by their renowned 11-piece band — including Keith Carlock on drums, Freddie Washington on bass, and Jon Herington on guitar — Becker and Fagen will draw from their deep catalog and showcase Steely Dan's signature slinky grooves, sleek subversive lyrics, impeccable musicianship, and infectious hits.

Reserved tickets priced at \$128.00, \$98.00 and \$68.00 will 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. The Ruth Eckerd Hall Ticket Office is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 am 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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