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### RUTH ECKERD HALL ON THE ROAD ANNOUNCES TWO MORE ACTS TO THE TAMPA BAY RAYS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

#### 3 DOORS DOWN AND FLORIDA HEADED TO TROPICANA FIELD

**Tickets on sale now!**

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**April 20, 2009, Clearwater, FL** – Ruth Eckerd Hall On The Road has added the eighth musical act, 3 Doors Down to perform for the Summer Concert Series at the May 30 Tampa Bay Rays home game. In addition a Friday night bonus concert with Flo Rida has been added to the schedule.

**Saturday, May 30: Tampa Bay Rays vs. Minnesota Twins, 4:10 pm with 3 Doors Down.**

Formed in Escatawpa, Mississippi, the resilient fivesome has blazed a trail as the quintessential rock band, attaining massive mainstream success but somehow never losing that small town identity that has branded them rock's truest underdogs. They broke through in 2000 with the chart topping tune *Kryptonite* and haven't slowed down since, releasing a total of four studio albums including monster hits such as *Here Without You*, *Away from the Sun* and *It's Not My Time*. Since 2000, the band has sold more than 13 million albums, including 3 multi-platinum selling albums, and has had six number one hit singles.

**Friday, July 31: Rays vs. Kansas City Royals, 7:38 pm with Flo Rida.**

Tremar Dillard, better known for his stage name Flo Rida, rose to stardom came at a seemingly fast rate with the release of his 2007 smash single *Low*, but Flo Rida actually has been in the rap game for years, starting out with the Miami based rap group, *2 Live Crew*, where he was first discovered. His first album was 2008's *Mail on Sunday*, featuring the hit singles *Low*, *Elevator* and *In the Ayer*, where he worked with several well known artists including T-Pain, Timberland and will I am. The success of *Mail on Sunday* has created a frenzy of anticipation for his current album *R.O.O.T.S. (Route of Overcoming Struggle)*. The current chart topping single *Right Round* has set the stage for extended success in this young rapper's career.

The previously announced concerts in the series include:

Saturday, June 13	vs. Washington Nationals at 6:08 pm	Ludacris
Saturday, June 27	vs. Florida Marlins at 7:08 pm	Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo
Saturday, July 11	vs. Oakland Athletics at 6:08 pm	Smash Mouth
Saturday, Aug. 1	vs. Kansas City Royals at 6:08 pm	Daughtry
Saturday, Aug. 15	vs. Toronto Blue Jays at 7:08 pm	B52's
Saturday, Aug. 22	vs. Texas Rangers at 7:08 pm	Big & Rich
Saturday, Sept. 5	vs. Detroit Tigers at 7:08 pm	The Beach Boys

Admission to the concert is free, with a game ticket. For more information on season tickets or group sales, call 888-FAN-RAYS. Tickets for these games and all other Rays home games are available at the Tropicana Field Box Office, Rays Tampa Office & Pro Shop, via the Rays official website (raysbaseball.com or raysbeisbol.com), all Ticketmaster locations, and via Ticketmaster Phonecharge at (727) 898-7297 or (407) 839-3900.

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