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GRAMMY® AWARD WINNER JONNY LANG LAUNCHES U.S. TOUR

Live By Request Tour
Makes Stop At Ruth Eckerd Hall
Friday, May 21, 2010 at 8 pm

Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 12 at noon

March 8, 2010, Clearwater, FL – Grammy® Award Winner, Jonny Lang embarks on his *Live By Request Tour* this spring and will make a stop at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Friday, May 21 at 8 pm. Jonny's concert will be made up of requests from the audience. Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 12 at noon.

While still in his teens in the mid 1990s, Jonny Lang exploded onto the national scene with a combination of highly developed blues guitar chops and a powerful voice that rivaled some musicians more than twice his age. And that was just the beginning. Fifteen years and a half-dozen studio albums later, he has evolved into a seasoned musician and a road-savvy showman capable of delivering powerful live performances on his home soil and just about every other continent on the globe.

Concord Records captured that passion and energy and in April will release *Live at the Ryman*, Lang's first record since 2006's *Turn Around*, which earned him a Grammy® Award for Best Gospel Album. Recorded at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee, in the summer of 2008, *Live at the Ryman*, Lang's first ever live recording, offers a compelling glimpse of a young guitarist at the height of his creative powers, yet still open to exploring the depth and range of the blues and its relationship to R&B, soul, rock, gospel, funk and so may other emotionally riveting forms of music.

In many respects, *Live at the Ryman* is the record that Lang wanted to make all along – one that paints a vivid picture of a performer and a band who understand the significance of the blues as not only an art form unto itself, but as the wellspring for every meaningful and enduring form of music to follow.

"I've wanted to do a live record for a long time, because I feel like our band is strongest in the live setting," says Lang. "I think this record is a good representation of our live show, and an accurate reference for people who haven't seen us yet. Hopefully it will be an inspiration for them to come out and see us."

Reserved tickets priced at \$53.00 and \$37.00 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.rutheckerdhall.com. The Ruth Eckerd Hall Ticket Office is open Monday through Saturday, from noon to 6 pm and one hour prior to showtime. Tickets will also available by logging onto www.ticketmaster.com.

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Designed by the prestigious Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Ruth Eckerd Hall is consistently ranked in the top 5 venues in the world with seats of 2,500 or less by industry trade publications and 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. Ruth Eckerd Hall and the Ruth Eckerd Hall Foundation are 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations.

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