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**RONNIE DEE AND BORN IN THE USA BAND...
A TRIBUTE TO BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
AND THE BORN IN THE USA ALBUM
KICKS OFF NATIONAL TOUR
AT THE HISTORIC CAPITOL THEATRE
ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2 AT 7:30 PM**

Tickets go on sale this Friday, February 26 at noon!

February 22, 2010, Clearwater, FL – Ronnie Dee and Born In The USA Band will premier their tribute to Bruce Springsteen when they celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the *Born In The USA* Album when they perform at the historic Capitol Theatre in the Cleveland Street District in Downtown Clearwater on Friday, April 2 at 7:30 pm, kicking off their national tour. Tickets go on sale Friday, February 26 at noon at the Ruth Eckerd Hall Ticket Office.

Dee, a native of New Jersey is the son of Gold Record recording artist Joey Dee from the *Peppermint Twist*. Springsteen's powerful exuberant spirit is captured by Ronnie Dee, who along with his band perform the songs from the album just the way you remember them.

Ronnie's father, Joey Dee from Joey Dee and The Starlites, who made the *Peppermint Twist* famous, instilled in Ronnie, as a child, the love of Rock and Roll. Mentored by his father, Ronnie first appeared at age 9 on stages with Bo Diddley and Joey Dee and The Starlites. As a teenager he performed with Chuck Berry, Del Shannon, The Shirelles, Ronnie Spector and the Ronettes, The Coasters, and Dion.

Ronnie also toured with Dick Clark's shows around the country in the '80s. It was during this time he worked with Gary U.S. Bonds, who had just recorded two songs written and produced by Bruce Springsteen, *This Little Girl* and *Out Of Work*. Ronnie became a fan and the influence of Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band continued to grow throughout his non-stop career. Ronnie, a successful singer, songwriter and musician has developed the Born in the USA band tribute, which is now being touted by those in the industry as phenomenal. In addition to hits by Bruce Springsteen, the band covers popular songs by Marvin Gaye, Al Green and other rock and roll greats.

Gary Puckett calls the show "...a right on rockin' tribute to Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band".

Amanda Nikka will open the show. This 13 year-old sensation sings in 4 languages and plays three instruments. She has performed with David Foster on his *Hitman* show, in *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy*, at Ruth Eckerd Hall and opened for the Tampa Bay Rays.

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For more information on the Born In The USA Band, visit www.bornintheusaband.com.

Reserved tickets priced at \$45.00 and \$25.00 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. A limited number of VIP tickets priced at \$50.00 will also be available.

Valet parking is now available for most performances at the historic Capitol Theatre.

The City of Clearwater and Ruth Eckerd Hall have joined forces to renovate and revitalize the intimate Capitol Theatre located on downtown Clearwater's beautiful Cleveland Street. Constructed and established in 1921, this classic structure, complete with a large mezzanine and furnishings reminiscent of a classic Hollywood theater, is one of the oldest operating theatres in the state of Florida. In 2009, the Clearwater City Council designated the Capitol Theatre a historical landmark. This is the first such designation by the city. Ruth Eckerd Hall and the Ruth Eckerd Hall Foundation are 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations.

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