

# RUTH ECKERD HALL

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**RUTH ECKERD HALL ANNOUNCES  
NEW TIME FOR THE  
TIM CONWAY & FRIENDS PERFORMANCE  
FEATURING  
CHUCK MCCANN & LOUISE DUART  
ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

**Performance will begin at 1 pm and will feature  
Classic Stories – Classic Sketches**

**Tickets are on sale now**

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**November 3, 2009, Clearwater, FL** – Ruth Eckerd Hall announced today that the Tim Conway & Friends performance scheduled for 7:30 pm on Saturday, February 6 has been moved to 1 pm on the same day. All previously purchased tickets will be honored for the new time.

The five-time Emmy® winner comedian and actor Tim Conway will bring his friends Chuck McCann and Louise DuArt for one incredible night of classic stories and sketches. The production will include video screens for easy viewing.

Although Conway's career includes the hit television series *McHale's Navy* and movies including the popular *The Apple Dumpling Gang*, Conway is best known for his work on *The Carol Burnett Show* where his unscripted antics often caused his fellow players to fall out of character by bursting out in laughter. Just two of his memorable characters on the Burnett show were "The Old Man" whose shaggy white hair, slow speech and shuffling gait ran counter to the much needed energy levels of the various occupations he was usually found in. His comic inability to get said jobs done — usually with slapstick results to himself, and with many an ad-lib — would both frustrate and 'break up' his fellow sketch performers and "Mr. Tudball," a Swedish-American businessman whose intentions of running a 'ship-shape' office were usually sunk by the bored indifference of his secretary, "Mrs. Whiggins" (Burnett). Conway's stereotypical Swedish accent (especially when frustrated) added to the humor. He would also use this accent for other characters, such as the classic sketch with Harvey Korman as an inept dentist.

Throughout the years, Conway reunited with the cast for several retrospective specials, starting with *The Carol Burnett Show: A Reunion* (CBS, 1993), which featured some of the best clips from the show's original network run. The reunion proved so popular that they reunited for two additional primetime specials in 2001 and 2004. The success of the Burnett specials led to Conway and Korman developing a stage act based on their best-loved sketches and characters from the series, which toured throughout the 1990s and early 2000s before Korman passed in 2008. The best of these performances were compiled on a DVD, *Together Again* (2006). In addition to his film and television career, Conway was a co-founder and vice president of the Don MacBeth Memorial Jockey Fund, which benefited disabled and injured jockeys.

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Joining Conway will be Chuck McCann, a third generation performer who has conquered every medium of the entertainment industry from film, television, recordings and stage. McCann is known as a man of close to 1,000 voices in the world of animation and commercials (or so it seems). And he is still active in these mediums today with roles in *The Aristocrats*, *The Radio Adventures of Dr. Floyd*, *Boston Legal* and *Adventures in Odyssey*.

Also joining Conway will be Louise DuArt, often called the world's greatest impressionist who continues to astound critics and celebrities alike with her dead-on impressions of America's most famous people. Her talent for replicating celebrities in fun-loving style has made Louise DuArt one of the most revered impressionists today. Her more than one hundred marquee characters range from Barbara Walters to Judge Judy, Joan Rivers to Jane Fonda and Barbra Streisand to George Burns.

Reserved tickets priced at \$46.75 and \$38.75 are 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](http://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](http://www.ticketmaster.com). A limited number of VIP tickets priced at \$76.00 are also available.

*Designed by the prestigious Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Ruth Eckerd Hall 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.*

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