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ALICE COOPER *THEATRE OF DEATH TOUR '09* COMES TO RUTH ECKERD HALL ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 2 AT 8 PM

Tickets go on sale this Friday, August 21 at noon

August 17, 2009, Clearwater, FL – Some call Alice Cooper the Master of Shock Rock, Black Humorist Supreme, or simply one of the era's great showmen, but everyone agrees his mark has been undeniable, and he comes to Ruth Eckerd Hall with his *Theatre of Death Tour '09* on Friday, October 2 at 8 pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, August 21 at noon.

With the release of his 2008 album, *Along Came A Spider*, Alice shows no sign of slowing down. Recent tour highlights have included a stop at the legendary Montreux Festival, filmed for a live DVD, three shows in 2006 in North America as special guests to The Rolling Stones, and concerts throughout North & South America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Asia. *Along Came A Spider*, reviewed widely as a worthy addition to Alice's catalog of themed albums, sets the story of a serial killer to music.

Alice Cooper touched a deep nerve in the minds of teenagers everywhere, bringing him countless gold and platinum albums from around the world, including *Love It To Death*, *Billion Dollar Babies*, *Welcome To My Nightmare*, and *Trash*, featuring such anthems as *Eighteen*, *Elected*, *School's Out*, and *No More Mr. Nice Guy*, as well as the classics *Only Women Bleed* and *Poison*.

The Coop has appeared (with stars including Helen Hayes, Mae West and Gene Wilder, among others) in movies and television, including, most notably, *Wayne's World*, *Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare*, *Roadie*, *John Carpenter's Prince of Darkness*, and *Something Wilder*, with Gene Wilder.

The road is still Alice's second home as he continues to tour extensively throughout the world, with a full schedule planned for his 2009 itinerary. Alice Cooper brought show business and rock 'n roll together in ways never seen before (and rarely seen since). After all the shock waves he has caused, the legend of Alice Cooper continues strong into the new millennium.

Reserved tickets priced at \$65.00, \$55.00, \$45.00 and \$35.00 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 noon to 6 pm and one hour prior to showtime.

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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