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**GRAMMY® AWARD WINNER
NATALIE COLE
RETURNS TO RUTH ECKERD HALL
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 8 PM**

Superstar to perform *Holiday and Hits*

Tickets go on sale Friday, September 18 at noon

September 14, 2009, Clearwater, FL – Nine-time Grammy® Award winner Natalie Cole returns to Ruth Eckerd Hall for the first time since her sold out performance earlier this year on Valentine's Day with her *Holiday and Hits* show on Monday, December 21 at 8 pm. Tickets go on sale Friday, September 18 at noon.

Natalie Cole has enjoyed success singing R&B, traditional pop and jazz during her incredible thirty-year career. *Unforgettable*, her duet with her famous father, won a Grammy® for "Record of the Year." *Miss You Like Crazy* and *When I Fall in Love* were also big hits. During her long career she has released more than 20 albums and has had numerous hit singles. In September 2008, Ms. Cole released *Still Unforgettable* which included the timeless standards *Walkin' My Baby Back Home* (duet with Nat King Cole), *The Best Is Yet To Come* and *Something's Gotta Give*. The album reached #8 on the U.S. R&B album charts and #1 on the U.S. Jazz charts. She was awarded her ninth Grammy® in 2009 for Best Traditional Pop Vocal album.

Reserved tickets priced at \$83.00, \$50.00 and \$42.00 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. Tickets will also be available by logging onto www.ticketmaster.com.

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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