

# RUTH ECKERD HALL

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**RUTH ECKERD HALL PRESENTS  
VAL CANIPAROLI'S  
A CINDERELLA STORY  
WITH CANADA'S ROYAL WINNIPEG BALLET  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26 AT 8 PM**

**Based on themes by Richard Rodgers**

**Tickets are on sale now!**

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**January 8, 2010, Clearwater, FL** – Bobby socks? Poodle skirts? A bright red '57 Chevy? Set in swinging 1957, Val Caniparoli's *A Cinderella Story* re-imagines the world's favorite rags-to-riches tale as a fresh, hilarious and wildly inventive marriage of ballet and jazz performed by Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet when it comes to Ruth Eckerd Hall for one performance Tuesday, January 26 at 8 pm. Tickets are on sale now.

Choreographed by Val Caniparoli to swinging jazzy show tunes, this wildly inventive telling of *A Cinderella Story* energetically blends jazz with ballet as dancers pirouette, bebop, soft-shoe and tango to a live jazz band interpreting Richard Rodgers' original themes and even features retro scenery and haute couture costumes.

Founded in 1939 by Gweneth Lloyd and Betty Farrally, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's versatility, technical excellence and a captivating style have been the trademarks of the ballet, garnering both critical and audience acclaim. The Royal Winnipeg Ballet holds the double distinction of being Canada's premier ballet company and the longest continuously operating company in North America. In 1953, the Company received its royal title, the first granted under the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Reserved tickets priced at \$52.00, \$45.00 and \$40.00 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.rutherfordhall.com](http://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 available by logging on to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://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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