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**COMEDIAN
BO BURNHAM
TO MAKE HIS TAMPA BAY AREA DEBUT
AT THE HISTORIC CAPITOL THEATRE IN DOWNTOWN CLEARWATER
FRIDAY, MAY 7 AT 8 PM**

Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 19 at noon.

March 15, 2010, Clearwater, FL – Comedian and musician, Bo Burnham will make his Tampa Bay area debut when he performs at the historic Capitol Theatre in the Cleveland Street District in Downtown Clearwater on Friday, May 7 at 8 pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 19 at noon at the Ruth Eckerd Hall Ticket Office.

Three years ago, Bo Burnham was just another high-schooler recording YouTube videos for fun. Today, Burnham has burst on the comedy scene with a full-length LP, a *Comedy Central* special and a deal to write a film for Judd Apatow. *Entertainment Weekly* recently named Burnham one of the 12 Rising Stars of Comedy. In March, Burnham released his first full length LP *Bo Burnham* which topped *Billboard* magazine's New Artist chart and was #2 on *Billboard* magazine's Comedy chart in its first week. Four days after his eighteenth birthday, Burnham became the youngest person to record a *Comedy Central Presents* special, which premiered in March of last year.

During the fall of his junior year in high school, Burnham started teaching himself how to play piano and guitar. Soon after, he wrote and composed autobiographical songs, such as *My Whole Family Thinks I'm Gay*, as non-fictional jokes between him and his friends. In 2006, Burnham recorded two of his songs as videos, and posted them on YouTube. Three years and fifteen videos later, Bo's videos have been seen more than 50 million times worldwide. The songs, recorded in Bo's bedroom with a camera resting on a stack of books have been remixed, rated and reviewed thousands of times. In 2008, Burnham signed a four-record deal with Comedy Central Records. He released his first digital-only EP *Bo Fo Sho* on iTunes that June. The album hit #1 on the iTunes comedy album chart and #6 on the overall iTunes album chart, alongside the likes of Coldplay.

With the growing internet buzz, Burnham was invited to the *Just for Laughs Comedy Festival* in Montreal in 2007 where he met Judd Apatow. Apatow flipped for the, then 17-year-old, and shortly after Burnham signed a deal to write the script and songs for an "anti-high school musical" feature in which he would also star, with Apatow producing. Burnham has already started compiling film credits with roles in Apatow's *Funny People*, and Rob Schneider's *Virgin on Bourbon Street* both due later this year.

Reserved tickets priced at \$35.00 and \$29.50 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.

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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