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**RUTH ECKERD HALL ON THE ROAD PRESENTS
A SOLO ACOUSTIC EVENING WITH GRAMMY® AWARD WINNER
COLIN HAY
FROM MEN AT WORK
AT THE HISTORIC CAPITOL THEATRE
FRIDAY, APRIL 16 AT 8 PM**

Tickets go on sale this Friday, February 5 at noon

February 1, 2010, Clearwater, FL – Grammy® Award-winner Colin Hay from Men At Work will perform a solo acoustic concert at the historic Capitol Theatre in the Cleveland Street District in Downtown Clearwater on Friday, April 16 at 8 pm in support of his recent record release, *American Sunshine* on Compass Records. Tickets go on sale this Friday, February 5 at noon.

Founded by lead singer and guitarist Colin Hay, Men At Work had their first #1 hit single in the U.S. in October 1982 with *Who Can It Be Now?*. Then, in November of that year, *Business As Usual* began a 15 week run at #1 on the U.S. album chart. While *Who Can It Be Now?* was still in the top ten, the second single, *Down Under* was released. It entered the charts at #79; ten weeks later, it was #1. By January 1983, Men at Work had the top album and single in both the USA and the UK - a feat never achieved previously by an Australian act. Men at Work won a Grammy® Award in 1983, for Best New Artist. This too, was the first for an Australian recording act.

Following the breakup of the band in 1985, Hay released several major label solo albums, including *Looking for Jack* and *Wayfaring Sons*. He also began a successful acting career, with roles in hit TV series such as *Scrubs*, *The Larry Sanders Show*, *JAG*, and *The Mick Molloy Show*. *Scrubs*, which along with episodes of ABC's *What About Brian*, NBC's *The Black Donnellys*, CBS's *Cane*, and the BBC hospital drama, *Casualty*, have included performances of some of his previous songs. In 2006 he provided his voice for one of the characters in animated movie *The Wild*. Hay has also been a member of Ringo Starr's eighth and tenth All-Starr Bands.

Reserved tickets priced \$41.00 and \$31.00 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. A limited number of VIP tickets priced at \$50.00 will also be available.

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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