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RINGO STARR AND HIS 11TH ALL STARR BAND LAUNCH U.S. SUMMER 2010 TOUR ON JUNE 24

**Band Line Up Includes Edgar Winter, Gary Wright,
Rick Derringer, Richard Page, Wally Palmar and Gregg Bissonette**

TOUR STOPS AT RUTH ECKERD HALL ON TUESDAY, JULY 13 AT 8 PM

Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 19 at noon

March 15, 2010, Clearwater, FL – It's a new decade and a new band -- Ringo Starr has assembled his 11th line up including: Edgar Winter (*Free Ride, Frankenstein*), Gary Wright (*Dream Weaver, Love Is Alive*) and All Starr newcomers Rick Derringer (*Rock 'n' Roll Hoochie Koo*), Richard Page the lead singer of Mr. Mister (*Broken Wings, Kyrie*) and Wally Palmar the lead singer of The Romantics (*What I Like About You, Talking In Your Sleep*). Gregg Bissonette, who has toured or recorded with award winning artists such as Toto, Steve Vai, Santana and Richard Marx returns on drums. The tour kicks off this June 24 at Fallsview Casino in Niagara Falls, Canada. Ringo Starr and the band will perform at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Tuesday, July 13 at 8 pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 19 at noon. Tour dates include July 7 (Ringo's birthday) at Radio City Music Hall and the tour is scheduled to end August 7 at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles. For the complete list of tour dates, visit www.ringostarr.com.

Drummer extraordinaire, Academy Award®-winning musician, member of the Percussive Hall of Fame, singer, songwriter, film and TV actor, painter and photographer Richard Starkey, aka Ringo Starr, was already an accomplished musician when he was asked to join the "Fab Four" in Liverpool. His drumming style has continued to influence popular music to this day. Ringo has pursued a successful solo career since the breakup of the Beatles (*Back Off Boogaloo, Photograph*, co-written with George Harrison, *You're Sixteen*, among others) and his current album release *Y Not*.

Reserved tickets priced at \$150.00, \$95.00, \$75.00 and \$49.00 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 consistently ranked in the top 5 venues in the world with seats of 2,500 or less by industry trade publications and 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. Ruth Eckerd Hall and the Ruth Eckerd Hall Foundation are 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations.

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