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Spend An Evening With Wilco Band announces March/April U.S. tour dates

**Tour makes stop at Ruth Eckerd Hall on
Tuesday, March 23 at 8 pm**

Tickets go on sale this Friday, January 8 at noon

January 4, 2010, Clearwater, FL – Wilco will play a run of 16 concerts in Eastern U.S. cities beginning in Miami, Florida on March 22 and will perform at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Tuesday, March 23 at 8 pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, January 8 at noon. The tour culminates in Pittsburgh, PA on April 11.

The concerts are presented as “*An Evening with Wilco*” and will feature extended, varied sets exploring material from each of the accomplished Chicago sextet’s seven studio albums. In addition to the exclusive Tampa Bay area concert in Clearwater, the tour includes concerts in Savannah, Atlanta, Durham, Richmond, Bethesda, Montclair, Providence, Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and features Wilco’s first concert appearances in the cities of Scranton, PA, Concord, NH and Hartford, CT. Please check Wilcworld.net or individual venue websites for exact on sale dates and times.

These tour dates continue what is already promising to be a busy start to the new year for Wilco. In late January the band heads to Los Angeles to perform as part of the 2010 MusicCares Person of the Year concert honoring Neil Young. In February they embark on a previously announced tour that includes concerts in the Pacific Northwest, the upper Midwest and their most extensive Canadian tour in their 15-year history. Previously announced tour dates in Japan, New Zealand and Australia follow in April and May. The full list of tour dates follows.

Wilco’s latest studio album, the Grammy-nominated *Wilco (The Album)* has landed on many critic’s year end polls as one of the best albums of 2009 and *Rolling Stone* magazine recently cited Wilco’s 2002 album *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot* as the 3rd best album of the decade. You can view a full list of honors in the News section of Wilcworld.net.

Founded by Jeff Tweedy in 1995 with bassist John Stirratt, Wilco is Jeff Tweedy (guitars, vocals), John Stirratt (bass, vocals), Glenn Kotche (drums), Nels Cline (guitars), Pat Sansone (guitars, keyboards, vocals) and Mike Jorgensen (keyboards, vocals). The band has released seven studio albums, a live album and a live DVD as well as two collaborations with Billy Bragg on material by Woody Guthrie.

Reserved tickets priced at \$38.00 and \$28.00 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 available by logging onto www.ticketmaster.com.

WILCO 2010 TOUR DATES

Califone supports February 7 – 24

February 7	Missoula, MT	Adams Center
February 9	Portland, OR	Arlene Schnitzer Hall
February 10	Seattle, WA	Paramount Theatre
February 12	Victoria, BC	Royal Theatre
February 13	Vancouver, BC	David Lam Park*
* This is a free show as part of the 2010 Winter Olympics		
February 15	Edmonton, AB	Jubilee
February 16	Calgary, AB	Jubilee
February 17	Saskatoon, AB	TCU Palace
February 19	Duluth, MN	DECC Auditorium
February 20	Madison, WI	Overture Hall
February 21	East Lansing, MI	Cobb Great Hall
February 23	Hamilton, ON	Hamilton Place
February 24	London, ON	Centennial Hall

Bahamas support February 26 – March 3

February 26	Quebec City, QB	Imperial De Quebec
February 27	Montreal, QB	Olympia
March 1	Ottawa, ON	National Arts Centre
March 3	Halifax, NS	Forum
March 22	Miami, FL	Jackie Gleason Theater
March 23	Clearwater, FL	Ruth Eckerd Hall
March 25	Savannah, GA	Johnny Mercer Theatre
March 26	Atlanta, GA	Fox Theatre
March 27	Durham, NC	Durham Performing Arts Center
March 29	Richmond, VA	The National
March 30	Bethesda, MD	Strathmore
March 31	Scranton, PA	Scranton Cultural Center
April 2	Montclair, NJ	The Wellmont Theatre
April 3	Montclair, NJ	The Wellmont Theatre
April 4	Providence, RI	Lupo's
April 6	Boston, MA	Orpheum Theatre
April 7	Concord, NH	Capitol Center for Arts
April 9	Hartford, CT	Bushnell Center
April 10	Philadelphia, PA	The Electric Factory
April 11	Pittsburgh, PA	Carnegie Music Hall
April 22	Osaka, JP	Big Cat
April 23	Tokyo, JP	Zepp Tokyo
April 27	Auckland, NZ	Civic Theatre
April 28	Wellington, NZ	Wellington Town Hall
April 30	Brisbane, AU	The Tivoli
May 01	Sydney, AU	State Theatre
May 02	Marrickville, AU	Factory Theatre
May 05	Melbourne, AU	Forum
May 06	Melbourne, AU	Forum

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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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