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JUSTIN ROBERTS & THE NOT READY FOR NAPTIME PLAYERS LAUNCH JM FAMILY ENTERPRISES SMART STAGE MATINEE SEASON

FORT LAUDERDALE – Presented by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts as a JM Family Enterprises Smart Stage Matinee, Justin Roberts & The Not Ready For Naptime Players will get kids on their feet and laughing out loud in the Amaturo Theater on Tuesday, October 4 at 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Young audiences will learn about musical instruments, song structure, composition and improvisation, melody, harmony and tempo as Justin and The Not Ready for Naptime Players dish out unexpectedly intelligent and whimsically rocking music.

Called "the Judy Blume of kiddie rock" by *The New York Times*, Roberts is a two-time Grammy nominee and winner of eight Parents' Choice Gold Awards. He began his music career performing in an indie rock band before moonlighting as a Montessori preschool teacher. He has performed in front of millions of people on *The Today Show* and been featured on Nick Jr. He has appeared at NYC's New Victory Theater, DC's National Geographic Live, LA's Getty Museum, Seattle's Moore Theater, Lollapalooza, Austin City Limits and Chicago's Ravinia.

Tickets are \$7.20 with \$3 lap seats for infants 12 months and under.

Groups of 10 or more may also purchase admission to pre- or post-show 40-minute Smart Stage Plus workshops in which students will use their imaginations, creative movement and music to explore the shows themes. Tickets are \$4 with the purchase of a ticket to the performance.

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The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.