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UB40 BRINGS FIRST NORTH AMERICAN TOUR IN EIGHT YEARS TO THE BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

FORT LAUDERDALE – Grammy-nominated Reggae pioneers **UB40 featuring Ali Campbell, Astro and Mickey Virtue** are bringing their exuberant, tantalizing stage show to the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on **Saturday, October 24 at 8 p.m.**

Campbell, the legendary voice of UB40, reunites with original bandmates including the exceedingly talented percussionist/trumpeter/vocalist Astro and outstanding keyboardist Virtue, for a night of pop-infused reggae classics. The trio along with a seven-piece band will play all the hits that catapulted them to the forefront of the ubiquitous musical landscape including “Red, Red Wine,” “(I Can’t Help) Falling in Love,” “Kingston Town,” “One in Ten” and “Food for Thought.”

Concertgoers will also be treated to new material from the band’s latest album release *Silhouette*. Recorded in London’s renowned RAK Studios, *Silhouette* is an inspired mix of freshly minted new songs and sparkling, reggaefied cover versions of classics by The Beatles, Bob Dylan, The Chi-Lites and others. The track *Silhouette* was originally a 1957 hit for the American doo-wop group The Rays, although this new take owes more to an early 1970s version by the crown prince of reggae, the late, great Dennis Brown.

Formed in 1979, UB40 helped define reggae music for a generation. The pioneering reggae troupe topped the UK singles chart on three occasions, earned multiple Grammy nominations and sold 70 million records as it took a smooth yet rootsy musical blend to all corners of the globe.

In a recent live review of their performance at the Olympia Theater in Dublin, Ireland, DublinConcerts.ie noted, “the vocalists were pitch-perfect, the musicians were flawless, they held the crowd throughout the entire performance and the atmosphere was phenomenal.”

Tickets are \$30–\$60. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center’s AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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CALENDER BRIEF: In their first American Tour in eight years, Grammy-nominated reggae pioneers **UB40 featuring Ali Campbell, Astro and Mickey Virtue** come to town on **Saturday, October 24 at 8 p.m.** in the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Campbell, the legendary voice of UB40, reunites with original bandmates: percussionist/trumpeter/vocalist Astro and keyboardist Virtue, for a night of pop-infused reggae classics. The trio along with a seven-piece band will play hits including “Red, Red Wine,” “(I Can’t Help) Falling in Love,” “Kingston Town,” “One in Ten” and “Food for Thought,” as well as new material from the band’s latest album release *Silhouette*. Tickets are \$30–\$60 with LAN & TAM Airlines Club Level tickets available for \$110. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at BrowardCenter.org or Ticketmaster.com; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center’s AutoNation Box Office. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is one of America’s premier performing arts venues. Presenting more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, the Center showcases a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events, and offers one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, serving more than 150,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit BrowardCenter.org.

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.