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## **Ruben Studdard Releases “Ruben Sings Luther” New Album is Studdard’s Personal Homage to Luther VanDross 25 City ‘Always and Forever’ Tour Coming to the Saenger Theatre**

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Ruben Studdard’s personal homage to Luther VanDross, ‘Always and Forever,’ is coming to the Saenger Theatre on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. VIP seating and Meet and Greet tickets are \$89.00, reserved seating tickets are \$37.50 and \$25.50 plus applicable fees. Tickets for this exciting concert will go on sale to the public on Friday, April 13, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, charge by phone by calling 800-745-3000 or Ticketmaster.com.

“My goal was to not only pay tribute to Luther but also add my own passion on top of Luther’s brilliant songs. It all started with my mom who has always loved Luther and played his music in our home continuously – especially during Christmas. You can say I grew up with the world’s biggest Luther fan. In my young teens, I would perform a Luther song or two at weddings and people would keep requesting more of his hits. I recorded ‘Superstar’ awhile back which was Grammy nominated and sang different Luther songs during my live shows. But people always asked when I was going to do an album of Luther’s songs. Happily the day has arrived. It was a thrilling experience selecting the songs from his different albums and putting my own interpretation on them. I am so proud of this record,” commented Ruben.

“As for the tour, we are not only recreating the beautiful production elements, musicians, background singers, wardrobe and lighting that were ever present when Luther took the stage, but my heart and soul will be in every note I sing as I honor one of the greatest vocalists we’ve ever had.”

Ruben Studdard, the Grammy nominated R&B, gospel and pop singer was the winner of American Idol’s second season. He has recorded six studio albums, appears frequently on TV, toured extensively and has sold over two million albums worldwide.

### **EVENT DETAILS AT A GLANCE:**

Who: “Always and Forever” a Tribute to Luther VanDross starring Ruben Studdard

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On Sale: Friday, April 13, 2018 at 10 a.m.

Ticket Prices: \$89.00, \$37.50, \$25.50 plus applicable service charge

**About Saenger Theatre:** The Saenger Theatre is the premier entertainment venue located in downtown Pensacola. The Theatre is home to the Broadway in Pensacola and hosts a variety of events including symphony, opera, ballet, touring concerts, family shows and community events. The Saenger Theatre is owned by the City of Pensacola and professionally managed by SMG, the world leader in venue management, marketing and development.

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