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David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts presents

Duncan Sheik

Friday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Ferguson Hall at the Straz Center

Regularly priced tickets start at \$25.50

TAMPA, Fla. — The David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center) presents Duncan Sheik in Ferguson Hall on Friday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Sheik is a Grammy® and Tony® Award-winning singer-songwriter and composer who initially found success with his 1996 debut single “Barely Breathing.” The single remained on the *Billboard* Hot 100 for a record-setting 55 straight weeks and enjoyed lengthy stays on *Billboard*’s Adult Contemporary and Adult Top 40 charts. His 1996 eponymous debut album for Atlantic was certified gold. He was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Male Pop Vocal Performance for “Barely Breathing.”

Years later, he expanded his work to include compositions for motion pictures and the Broadway stage, leading him to the Tony Award-winning Best Musical *Spring Awakening*. A production of his newest musical, titled (as is his newest CD) *Whisper House*, featuring Emmy® Award-winner Mare Winningham, premiered at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego, Calif., in January 2010.

Broadway singers join Sheik for this concert featuring music from *Spring Awakening* and *Whisper House*.

Regularly priced tickets for the Friday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. performance by Duncan Sheik start at \$25.50 and may be purchased by calling 813.229.STAR (7827) or 800.955.1045 outside Tampa Bay, in person at the Straz Center Ticket Office or online at www.strazcenter.org. For more information about the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts and its upcoming events, please visit the Straz Center’s website at www.strazcenter.org.

Events, days, dates, times, performers and prices are subject to change without notice.

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