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DEREK HOUGH ANNOUNCES HIGHLY ANTICIPATED ALL NEW LIVE DANCE SHOW

DEREK HOUGH: LIVE! THE TOUR

SPRING 2019 TOUR ANNOUNCED WITH EXCLUSIVE **TODAY SHOW** PERFORMANCE
Coming to the Florida Theatre on April 7, 2019
TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018



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NEW YORK, NY (June 11, 2018) – Following the sold-out successes of the *Move Live on Tour and Move – Beyond – Live on Tour* acclaimed shows, including multiple sellouts at large prestigious venues such as Radio City Music Hall, DEREK HOUGH returns with a monumental experience for 2019 – *DEREK HOUGH: LIVE! THE TOUR*.

Derek Hough: Live! The Tour will come to the historic, nonprofit Florida Theatre on April 7, 2019 at 7:30pm. Friends of the Florida Theatre at the Ensemble Level and above can buy tickets now. Eclub members use your code word to purchase tickets on Thursday, June 14 at 9am. General public can purchase tickets on Friday, June 15 at 10am at the Box Office, by calling 9004.355.ARTS(2787) or at floridatheatre.com.

From the EMMY® award winning mind of Derek Hough, the live dance show is the first-ever solo tour for the dynamo.

Derek stopped by the *TODAY Show* this morning to make his nationwide announcement, giving eager fans a taste of the high-energy choreography expected from the tour.

The show features brand-new stage production, astounding versatility and, as always, Derek's magnetic stage presence. Fans will journey through a true fusion of dance and music, as Derek explores styles ranging from ballroom and tap to salsa and hop-hop and everything in between. Creative team and two-time EMMY® winners, Napoleon and Tabitha Dumo, also known as NappyTabs (Jennifer Lopez's 'All I Have' Residency; Michael Jackson: The Immortal World Tour; GRAMMYs® creative direction), will co-create, direct and supervise choreography for the tour. **DEREK HOUGH: LIVE! THE TOUR** kicks off Friday, April 5, 2019 in Charlotte, NC and continues through Atlanta, Boston, New York, Denver, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Memphis and more before concluding in Reading, PA on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

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ABOUT DEREK HOUGH

Emmy Award winning and New York Times Best-Selling author Derek Hough, the only six time champion in franchise history of the hit ABC show *Dancing with the Stars*, started dancing in his hometown of Salt Lake City, UT, at age 11. Just one year later, he moved to London to live and train with the top dance coaches in the world and attend the prestigious Italia Conti performing arts school where he studied theatre, music and dance.

A multi-talented entertainer, two-time Emmy Award winner and none-time nominee for Best Choreography, Hough has also appeared in film, television and stage projects as an actor. He made his feature film debut for director Duane Adler and producer Robert Cort in the feature film *Make Your Move* and has a recurring role on the ABC series *Nashville*. His stage performances include Radio City Music Hall's *Spring Spectacular* costarring alongside the Tony Award winning Laura Benanti and the critically acclaimed production of *Footloose* which he starred as the male lead in London's West End. In December of 2016, Hough starred with Jennifer Hudson, Ariana Grande, Martin Short and Harvey Fierstein in NBC's *Hairspray Live!*

In May of 2017, Hough joined Jennifer Lopez and Ne-Yo at the judges table for the NBC series *World of Dance*. *World of Dance*, which launched as the highest-rated summer show in over ten years, is an unparalleled dance competition that featured solo artists competing against duos and crews in all genres of dance, including hip hop, tap, ballet, break dancing, ballroom, and more competing for a million dollar prize.

Hough can also add best-selling author to his list of credits. His memoir *Taking the Lead: Lessons from a Life in Motion* hit stands in August of 2014 and rapidly was named to the prestigious New York Times Best-Seller list during two non-consecutive time periods.

In 2014 Hough and his sister, Julianne, teamed for a live stage dance concert *MOVE Live* on Tour performing in 50 cities around the country, in 2015 they toured again selling out scores

of venues on their 47city outing. In 2017 they again performed a sold-out tour of 48 cities around the United States with their show *Move – Beyond – Live on Tour*.

With celebrity partners on *Dancing with the Stars* that have included Brooke Burke, Jennie Garth, Ricki Lake, Maria Menounos Nicole Scherzinger, Jennifer Grey, Kellie Pickler, Amber Riley, Amy Purdy and Bindi Irwin, Hough is best known for his innovation and daring choreography on the show. Hough is the winningest professional dancer with six Mirror Ball Trophies. His work has brought him Emmy nominations and inquiries from the film and music world regarding his dance knowledge and ability.

The historic nonprofit Florida Theatre is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming events or to buy tickets visit the Theatre's official web site floridatheatre.com.

Florida Theatre : From ballet and opera to contemporary pop, jazz, rock, country and blues the nonprofit Florida Theatre offers 200 cultural and entertainment events annually for every taste and age. More than just an entertainment center, The Florida Theatre is also home to graduations, awards ceremonies, lectures, business meetings and charity events that support the community's schools, churches, hospitals and civic groups. As an anchor to downtown development along the beautiful St. Johns River, The Florida Theatre draws 250,000 people to Jacksonville's center each year. The magnificently restored Florida Theatre is recognized as one of the finest concert venues in the Southeast. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Florida Theatre holds special memories for four generations. From the Vaudeville acts and silent films of its earliest days to today's blend of performances of all kinds, The Florida Theatre has served as Jacksonville's premier entertainment center since 1927.

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