

WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Theater for Young Audiences 2014-2015 Season

Dan Zanes and Friends

Two Performances Only! Sunday, October 19 at 11 AM and 2 PM

Beverly Hills CA September 30, 2014 – Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts (aka “The Wallis”) will present Grammy Award-Winning **Dan Zanes and Friends**, whose innovative, modern and multicultural music integrates the unique spirit of American, West Indian and English folk music with the inspiration of early soul and rock-and-roll (recommended for audiences of all ages) on Sunday, October 19 at 11:00 am and 2:00pm.

Tickets for **Dan Zanes and Friends** are available by visiting www.thewallis.org, in person at the Box Office at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 and by phone at 310-746-4000.

Dan Zanes occupies a unique place in American music where sea shanties, English music hall, North American and West Indian folk music, play-party songs, the spirit of early rock-and-roll and soulful originals collide. With his band, **Dan Zanes and Friends**, he has toured the world sharing 21st century social music with enthusiastic crowds of kids and kid sympathizers.

Zanes was a member of the band Del Fuegos during the 1980s (the group’s records included *The Longest Day* (1984), *Boston, Mass* (1985), *Stand Up* (1987), *Smoking in the Fields* (1989) and the hit single “Don’t Run Wild”). In 1994, he released a solo CD, *Cool Down Time*, shortly after which he moved to Brooklyn, New York and released *Rocket Ship Beach* (2000), which became an immediate hit with families around America.

Guest vocalists on Zanes’ albums include the Blind Boys of Alabama, Sandra Bernhard, Matthew Broderick, Roseanne Cash, Carol Channing, Sheryl Crow, Philip Glass, Deborah Harry, Kronos Quartet, Aimee Mann, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Lou Reed, Loudon Wainwright III, Bob Weir and children of the South Africa Agape Orphanage. His widely acclaimed music has been featured on “Sesame Street”, Playhouse Disney, Nickelodeon, HBO Family, Hear Music at Starbucks and *Sprout*.

The New York Times says **Dan Zanes and Friends** offers “true children's music, but executed with such sweet (and un-gooey!) humor, casual multiculturalism and shambling groove that you can call it your own.” Claims *Rolling Stone*, “Wry, rootsy, real American folk music – songs that twist a little plangency into the sweetness of a melody, songs that feel like life....”

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Tickets: **Price:** \$25, \$35
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ABOUT THE WALLIS

Located in the heart of Beverly Hills, the **Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts** opened its doors in October 2013. This fall marks its second season as the first and only performing arts center in Beverly Hills. This new venue transformed a Beverly Hills city block into a vibrant new cultural destination in the heart of Los Angeles with two distinct, elegant buildings: the historic 1933 Beverly Hills Post Office (now the Paula Kent Meehan Historic Building) and the new, contemporary 500-seat, state-of-the-art Bram Goldsmith Theater. Within the treasured Post Office, existing spaces are re-imagined into the 150-seat Lovelace Studio Theater, a theater school for young people, a gift shop (both scheduled to open Fall 2014) and a café. Together these two structures embrace the city's history and future, creating an arts lover's dream come true – all within walking distance of some of the finest dining, hotels and shopping in Los Angeles.