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## MICHAEL MCDONALD

FEBRUARY 18

BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL AT FSW

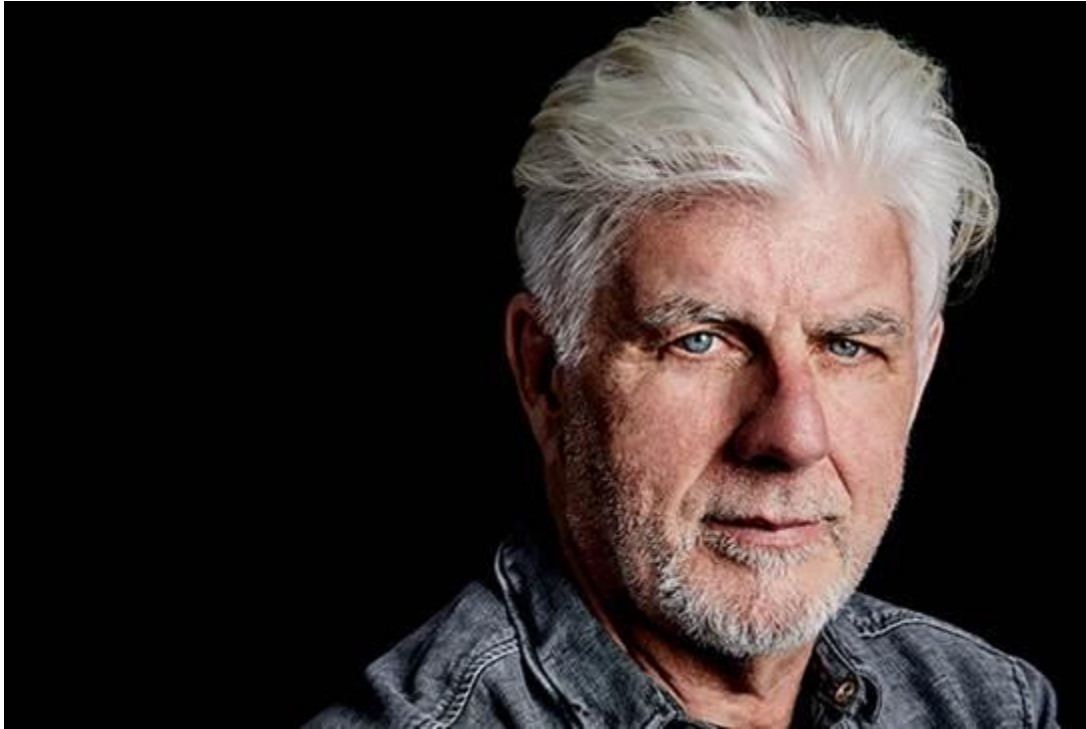
TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 10AM

(Fort Myers, FL) – Michael McDonald to perform at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at FSW on Sunday, February 18 at 7:00PM. Tickets will go on sale Friday, October 13 at 10AM at the Box Office, online at [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com) or call (239) 481-4849.

**Wide Open**, Michael McDonald's first new album in nearly a decade, was released September 15 via **BMG**. Featuring special guests including **Warren Haynes**, **Robben Ford**, **Marcus Miller** and **Branford Marsalis**.

**Wide Open** follows a trio of albums of R&B and soul covers McDonald recorded for the fabled Motown label, the most recent being 2008's **Soul Speak**. **Wide Open** is McDonald's first album of original material in 17 years, comprised largely of material written over a number of years in-between projects and recorded in his Nashville studio with drummer **Shannon Forrest** (Faith Hill, Blake Shelton, Tim McGraw, Toto) and an extensive cast of Nashville session musicians.

McDonald also recently collaborated with bassist **Thundercat** and **Kenny Loggins** on the hit single "**Show You The Way**" which the trio performed on "**The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon**"



*Photo credit Timothy White*

With a career that encompasses five Grammys, numerous chart successes and personal and professional accolades, as well as collaborations with some of the world's most prominent artists, Michael McDonald remains an enduring force in popular music. Hailing from St. Louis, McDonald arrived in Los Angeles in the early 1970s, honing his talents as a studio musician before becoming an integral part of Steely Dan. In the mid-'70s McDonald was invited to join the Doobie Brothers as the band redefined their sound with McDonald serving as singer, keyboardist and songwriter on such Top 40 singles as "Takin' It To The Streets," "It Keeps You Runnin'," "Minute By Minute" and "What A Fool Believes." Throughout the '80s and '90s McDonald's solo career took off with a string of hits including "I Keep Forgettin' (Every Time You're Near)," "Sweet Freedom," "On My Own" (with Patti LaBelle) and the Grammy-winning James Ingram duet "Yah Mo B There," plus he co-wrote the Van Halen hit "I'll Wait." McDonald has performed with a who's-who of critically acclaimed artists across a number of genres, including Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Elton John, Joni Mitchell, Vince Gill and Grizzly Bear.

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**Performance Date:      Sunday, February 18 – 7:00PM\***

**Ticket Prices:            \$69.50\*      \$59.50\*      \$49.50\***

*\*All shows, dates, times and ticket prices are subject to change.*

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