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**RICHIE HAVENS TOURS IN SUPPORT
OF HIS CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED NEW ALBUM, *GRACE OF THE SUN*.**

**REISSUES OF CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED *STONEHENGE* (1970) AND *WISHING WELL* (2002)
NOW AVAILABLE.**

Richie Havens first emerged from New York City's Greenwich Village folk scene in the early 60's, and in 1969 inspired and electrified an audience of over half a million with his legendary three hour opening performance at Woodstock.

Four decades later Richie Havens remains one of the most recognizable voices and universal lyricists in popular music. A truly timeless performer, and a man before his time, today this Brooklyn Native celebrates the reissue of two album classics (*Stonehenge* and *Wishing Well*) by Sony RED.

Havens' recently released his 26th album, *Grace of the Sun*, on his own Stormy Forest record label. A testament to Havens' continued evolution as an artist, *Grace of the Sun* is being hailed as one of his most worldly and relevant albums to date. *Billboard* says, "...this acoustic soul giant truly seems to be getting more inspiring and graceful with age," and *Guitar Player* echoes, "...as vibrant and purposeful as ever."

Produced by Havens, *Grace of the Sun* features Groove Armada percussionist Patrick Dawes, Havens' longtime guitarists Walter Parks and Bill Perry, and world musicians Badal Roy (tabla) and Jorge Alfano (shakuhachi, fretless and electric bass). The 10 tracks on *Grace of the Sun* beautifully reveal Havens' unique rhythmic sensibility. The six original compositions on the album include the tabla-driven opener "By the Grace of the Sun," the sweetly melodic "When" and the hypnotic, Middle Eastern-flavored instrumental "Dusk." Soulful renditions of Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower" and Joni Mitchell's "Woodstock" highlight Havens' mastery of interpretation and arrangement. Asked about recording the classic "Woodstock" after so much time, Havens remarked, "You know, we face the same struggles now as we did then."

Richie Havens' live performance is as captivating as always; a passionate and inspiring display of timelessness and spirit. His concerts include music from *Grace of the Sun* as well as a broad selection of songs from his extensive repertoire. On a side note, Richie's 1981 hit "Going Back to my Roots" has hit dance floors in the form of a cool Afro-beat remix by celebrated mixer/producer and club DJ Danny Krivit.

The list of Richie's current confirmed tour dates is as follows:

Thur	Sept 22	World Café Live	Philadelphia PA - private
Fri	Sept 23	Peter's Valley Craft Fair,	Augusta NJ
Sat	Sept 24	Mauch Chuck Opera House,	Jim Thorpe PA
Sat	Oct 8	Eureka Springs Folk Festival,	Eureka Springs AR
Fri	Oct 14	World Café Live,	Philadelphia PA
Sat	Oct 15	Center for the Arts of Homer,	Homer NY

Sun Oct 16 Bard College / Sosnoff Theater, Annandale
Sat Oct 22 B.B. King's Blues Club and Grill, New York NY
Thur Oct 27 Liberty Hall, Lawrence KS
Fri Oct 28 Wildwood Springs Lodge, Steelville MO
Sat Oct 29 Wildwood Springs Lodge, Steelville MO
Wed Nov 16 Largo Cultural Center, Largo FL
Thur Nov 17 Unity Center For Spiritual Living, Merritt Island FL
Fri Nov 18 The Lyric Theatre, Stuart FL
Fri Nov 25 Town Crier Café, Pawling NY
Sat Dec 3 Sanctuary Concerts, Chatham NJ
Sat Dec 10 The Turning Point, Piermont NY
Sat Dec 31 First Night Montclair, NJ
Sat Jan 14 Lobero Theatre, Santa Barbara CA
Thur Feb 23 Starr Hill Music Hall, Charlottesville VA
Sat Feb 25 The Birchmere, Alexandria VA
Thur Mar 9 Four Corners Grille, New London NH
Fri Mar 10 Quick Center for the Arts Fairfield University, Fairfield CT
New – Sat Mar 18 Sterling and Francine Clark Art, Williamstown MA
Sat April 8 The Fairmont Opera House Fairmont MN
Fri April 28 Pollal Theater Long Branch HJ
Sat May 20 Tilden Arts Center, West Barnstable MA

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