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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.

Haven's 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 remixer/producer and club DJ Danny Krivit.

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

Fri	Jul 8	Half Moon Theatre Cork Ireland
Sat	Jul 9	Colfer's Marquee, Carrig On Bannow Ireland
Sun	Jul 10	Carroll's Thomastown Ireland
Tue	Jul 12 and 13	Campbell's Head ford Ireland
Thu	Jul 14	Wyatt Hotel Westport Ireland
Fri-Sun	Jul 31	The Rivermead WOMAD Festival, Reading, England
Sat	Aug 13	Lock 3 live Akron Ohio
Wed	Aug 17	Humphrey's Concerts By the Bay San Diego CA

Fri Sept 9 Lowell National Historic Park Lowell MA
Wed Sept 14 Sunrise Theater Southern Pines NC
Fri Sept 16,17 The Library Theatre, Hoover AI

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