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

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 release of 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. The complete list of Fall 2004 tour dates is as follows:

Fri	Nov 19	B.B. King's New York NY
Sat	Nov 27	World Café Live Philadelphia PA
Sat	Dec 4	The Turning Point Piermont NY
Tue	Dec 28	Sheridan Opera House Telluride CO
Fri	Jan 7	The Blue Note Milan Italy
Sat	Jan 15	Lied Center for Performing Arts Lincoln NE
Fri	Jan 21	Athens Area Council for the Arts Athens TN
Sat	Jan 22	Bartlett Performing Arts and Conferences Bartlett TN
Wed	Jan 26	University of Central Florida Orlando FL

Sat Jan 29 Mount Dora Community Center Mount Dora FL
Thu Feb 3 The Barns of Wolf Trap Vienna VA
Fri Feb 4 The Sellersville Theater Sellersville PA
Sat Feb 5 Cultural Arts Center Glen Allen VA
Fri Feb 11 Berrie Center for Performing & Visual Mahwah NJ
Sat Feb 12 Day's Inn – Holiday Hall Butler PA
Fri Feb 18 Orpheum Theater Flagstaff AZ
Sat Feb 19 El Morro Theater Gallup NM
Sat Feb 26 Peterborough Players Theater Peterborough NH

More dates to be announced soon.

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