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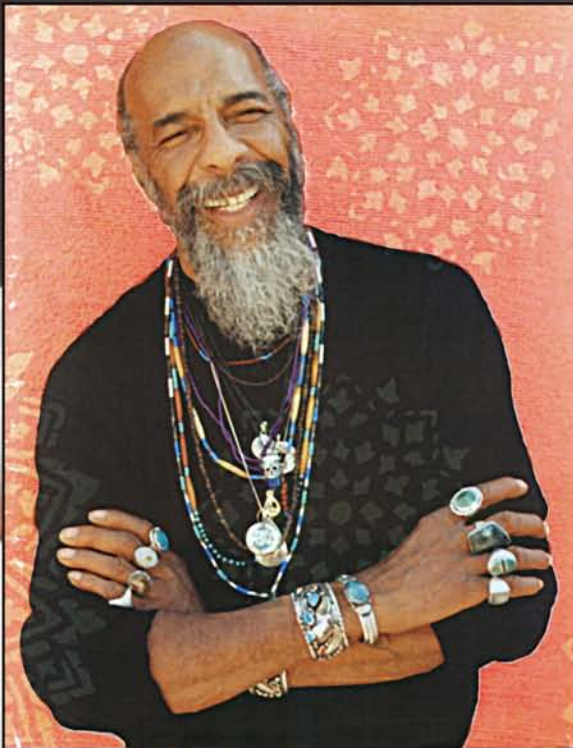
“This acoustic soul giant truly seems to be getting more inspiring and graceful with age.”

– *Billboard Magazine*

“Nothing short of magnificent...” – *Relix*

“As vibrant and purposeful as ever...” – *Guitar Player*

“His craggy bass-baritone voice seems to rise from the earth in a ...cry for the sorrows of humanity.” – *The New York Times*



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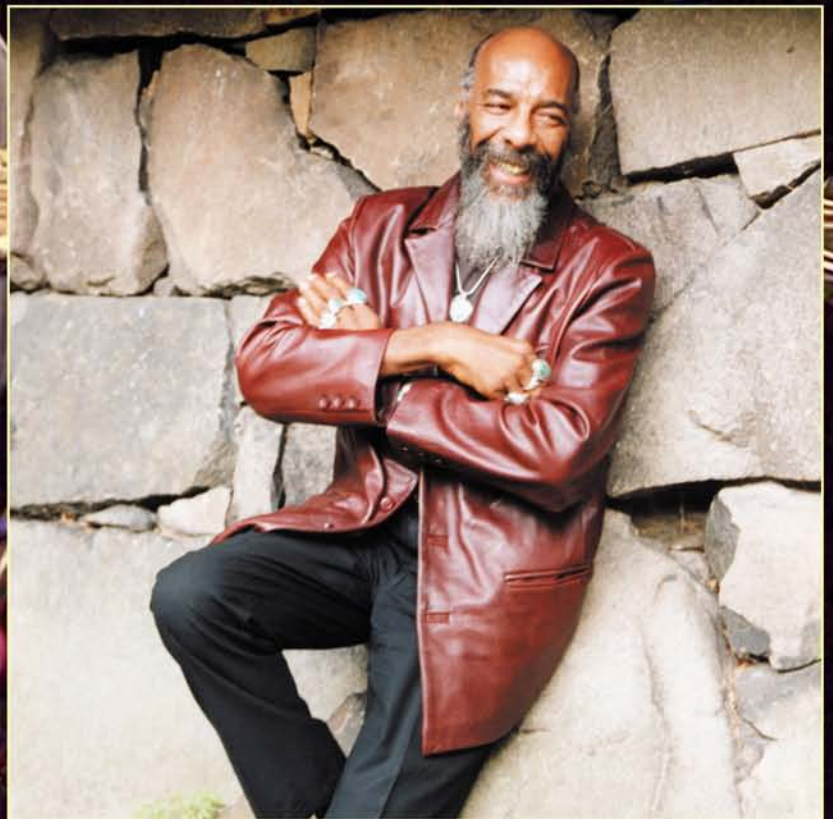
RICHIE HAVENS is gifted with one of the most recognizable voices in popular music. His fiery, poignant, soulful singing style has remained unique and ageless since he first emerged from the Greenwich Village folk scene in the early 1960s.

Havens' historic appearance at the 1969 **Woodstock Music and Arts Fair** proved to be a major turning point in his career. As the festival's opening act, his distinctive stage presence held the multitudes spellbound for nearly three hours. Called back for multiple encores and having exhausted his repertoire, he improvised a song based on the spiritual "*Motherless Child*" that became "*Freedom*," a song that has subsequently reached an audience of millions.

In 2003, The National Music Council awarded **RICHIE HAVENS** the **American Eagle Award** in recognition of his contributions to America's musical heritage and for providing "*a rare and inspiring voice of eloquence, integrity and social responsibility.*"

His 2004 self-produced album, *Grace Of The Sun*, continues a recent trend toward original composition. Laden with the stunning guitar work of Walter Parks and Christopher Cunningham, and featuring contributions by a number of gifted world musicians, the result is an exotic and compelling tapestry that serves as the perfect musical complement to Havens' signature percussive guitar strumming and rich melodic vocals.

For four decades, **RICHIE HAVENS** has used his music to convey messages of brotherhood and personal freedom. With nearly thirty albums released and a rigorous touring schedule, he views his calling as a higher one. "*I sing songs that move me,*" he told The Denver Post, "*I'm not in show business; I'm in the communications business. That's what it's about for me.*"



For a complete **RICHIE HAVENS** biography, go to www.richiehavens.com