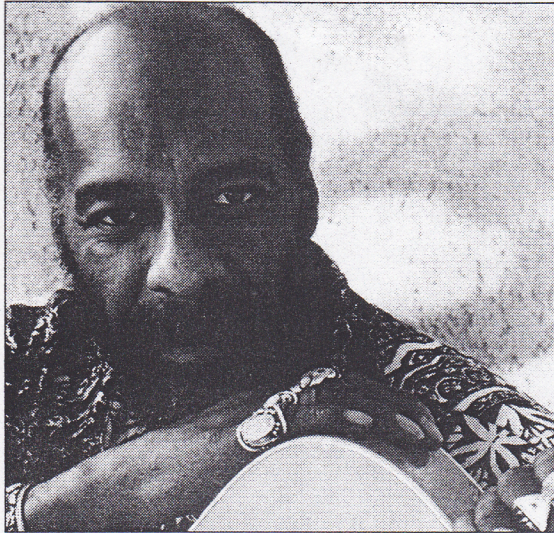


Richie Havens leads the way

ICC concert for Woodstock legend



DURBAN DATE . . . US musician Richie Havens, who will perform at Durban's ICC on October 10.

AMERICAN balladeer Richie Havens – reputed to be the third Woodstock sensation next to Crosby Stills and Nash, and Jimi Hendrix – will give a single concert at Durban's International Conference Centre on October 10.

Richie will be the first music legend to be spotlighted in the planned International Theatre Series, which will see a spectrum of acclaimed performers coming to this country.

The concept is the brainchild of concert promoter and South African musician David Marks, who bought Crosby Stills and Nash to this country.

"We are presently negotiating with legends such as James Taylor, Taj Mahal and Don McLean."

Richie Havens is famous for his near-three-hour opening performance at Woodstock and his on-the-spot composition of his most well-known song, *Freedom*.

He says of that day: "I was supposed to be fifth on the bill but had to go on first since the first acts had not yet arrived (they were stuck in the legendary traffic jam caused by the arrival of 5 000 visitors)".

Richie received nine encores for his performance.

More a stylist than a songwriter, he has thrilled audiences with renditions of *Here Comes the Sun*, *God Bless the Child* and other famous hits by The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison and Eric Clapton. He was also the preacher in the stage version of The Who's *Tommy*.

Booking for the ICC concert, which will be at 8pm on October 10, is at Computicket or at the venue.