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MULTIPLE AWARD WINNING ACOUSTIC BLUES ARTIST HARRY MANX TO RETURN TO THE STOUGHTON OPERA HOUSE

STOUGHTON, Wis. – If you didn't see Harry Manx last year when he opened for Richie Havens, you missed a great performance. The Opera House audience was enchanted and will be again when Harry Manx returns by popular demand on Friday Mar 26, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Harry Manx has been called an "essential link" between the music of East and West, creating musical short stories that wed the tradition of the Blues with the depth of classical Indian ragas. Playing the Mohan Veena, lap steel, harmonica and banjo, Manx quickly envelops the audience into what has been dubbed "the Harry Zone" with his warm vocals and the hauntingly beautiful melodies of his original songs. His latest CD, "Bread and Buddha" is a timely mediation on the ephemeral nature of the human experience.

Born on the Isle of Man, Manx spent his childhood in Canada and left in his teens to live in Europe, Japan, India and Brazil. He honed his hypnotic live show on street corners, in cafes, bars and at festivals. However it was Indian music that captured Manx's imagination. In the mid '80s he began his five-year tutelage with Rajasthani Indian musician Vishwa Mohan Bhatt (Grammy winner with Ry Cooder for A Meeting by the River).

Harry has received three Maple Blues Awards and his mantel shelf also holds honors from the Canadian Folk Music Awards, Vancouver magazine Georgia Straight, and the South Australia Blues Society. Most recently he was the recipient of CBC Radio's Great Canadian Blues Awards for 2007. Other accolades in 2007 include two Maple Blues awards (for Acoustic Act of the Year with Kevin Breit and Songwriter of the Year) and two Canadian Folk Music Award nominations (with Kevin Breit), for "Best Ensemble" and "Pushing the Boundaries", plus many more.

Tickets for the show cost \$25 and are available by calling the box office at 608-877-4400. The Stoughton Opera House is located at 381 East Main Street, Stoughton, WI 53589.

Additional information for upcoming performances is available at www.stoughtonoperahouse.com. The box office is open Monday through Friday 9 am to 4:30 pm or you can call 608-877-4400.

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