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**2009 GRAMMY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER TO PERFORM AT THE YALE
PRESENTED BY SHORE 104.3 FM AND THE GEORGIA STRAIGHT**



VANCOUVER, BC – Vancouver audiences are in for a rare treat when 2009 Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award Winner David “Honeyboy” Edwards plays The Yale on Sunday, March 28.

Born on June 28, 1915, Edwards (www.davidhoneyboyedwards.com) is one of the last living links to Robert Johnson. Recipient of the 2007 Handy Award for BEST ACOUSTIC BLUES ARTIST, the Mississippi legend is an integral part of music history and one of the last original acoustic Delta blues players in the world.

His life has been intertwined with legends such as Robert Johnson, Charlie Patton, Big Joe Williams, Sonny Boy Williamson, Howlin’ Wolf, Peetie Wheatstraw, Sunnyland Slim, Lightnin’ Hopkins, Big Walter, Little Walter, Magic Sam, and Muddy Waters. Hits such as “Long Tall Woman Blues,” “Sweet Home Chicago” and “Just Like Jesse James” showcase the artist’s Delta-drenched guitar playing, accented by his passionate and earthy vocals.

Edwards embarked on his first commercial recording for the Library of Congress in 1942, followed by the 1951 recordings WHO MAY YOUR REGULAR BE and BUILD A CAVE. During the early fifties, he relocated to Chicago, where he played small venues and street corners. In 1953, he recorded several songs for Chess, which remained un-issued until DROP DOWN MAMA was included in an anthology release. In 1976, the guitarist and young harpist/blues aficionado Michael Frank hit the north side blues scene with The Honeyboy Edwards Blues Band. In 1979, Edwards released OLD FRIENDS with Earwig Records in collaboration with Sunnyland Slim, Kansas City Red, Floyd Jones, and Big Walter Horton. MISSISSIPPI DELTA BLUESMAN released in 1992 features Edwards’ early Library of Congress performances combined with more recent recordings. In 2008, Edwards was awarded a Grammy Award for BEST TRADITIONAL BLUES ALBUM for his recording LAST OF THE GREAT MISSISSIPPI DELTA BLUESMEN: LIVE IN DALLAS, featuring the great Pinetop Perkins and the late legends Robert Lockwood Jr. and Henry Townsend.

Tickets to David “Honeyboy” Edwards with Les Copeland and Michael Frank are \$22 in advance or \$25 at the door. Advance ticket sales are available by contacting The Yale at 604.681.9253 or online at www.theyale.ca. Tickets are also available through Tickets Tonight by phone at 604.684.2787 or at the Tickets Tonight booth located inside the Tourist InfoCentre at 200 Burrard Street. Doors open at 3:30pm. Show begins at 5pm. The Yale is conveniently located at 1300 Granville Street in downtown Vancouver. *This performance is generously sponsored by Shore 104.3 FM and The Georgia Straight.*

“...everything he does is infused with the rocking drive and hypnotic modal flavor of Depression-era delta blues at its most intense...” *The New York Times*

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