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RICK ESTRIN AND THE NIGHTCATS
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VANCOUVER, BC – Sacramento-based blues band Rick Estrin and The Nightcats (www.rickestrin.com) demonstrate their musical prowess when they headline The Yale on Thursday, November 11. The sleek looking foursome take great musical leaps, performing a *mélange* of Texas swing, blues and jazz served up with a twist of rockabilly.

Estrin took over at the helm, following Little Charlie Baty's retirement from touring approximately two years ago. Estrin is a singer/harmonica player/songwriter who ranks among the very best harmonica players in the blues world. The former 30-year front man of Little Charlie and The Nightcats is at once deep in the tradition of harmonica masters such as Sonny Boy Williamson II and Little Walter Jacobs, while simultaneously pushing that tradition forward.

Winner of the 1993 Blues Music Award for "My Next Ex-Wife," Estrin's songs have been compared with those of Willie Dixon and the songwriting team of Leiber and Stoller. Three of his compositions have found their way onto Grammy-nominated albums including "Don't Put Your Hands On Me" (Koko Taylor's FORCE OF NATURE), "I'm Just Lucky That Way" (Robert Cray's SHAME + A SIN) and "Homely Girl" (John Hammond's TROUBLE NO MORE). Other renowned artists who have covered Estrin's songs include Little Milton, Rusty Zinn, Kid Ramos, and Mark Hummel.

Estrin's seasoned harp playing, streetwise vocals, razor-sharp lyrics, and hipster persona are supported by the ever-inventive and swinging Nightcats rhythm section of Lorenzo Farrell and J. Hansen, as well as new recruit-Norway's greatest contribution to American blues, guitar wild man Kid Andersen. Collectively, this rockin' ensemble that performs hundreds of live shows annually have recently released TWISTED, once again showcasing their unsurpassed musicianship and inventive lyrical vision. At the core of this latest CD are Estrin's sly and humorously twisted songs, tales inspired by the front man's teenage and young adult years spent living in San Francisco and Chicago. The songs range from rollicking rock 'n' roll to subtle and haunting slow ballads, all delivered in Estrin's patented wry and worldly-wise voice.

Tickets to Rick Estrin and The Nightcats are \$17 in advance or \$20 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 7pm. Show begins at 8pm. The Yale is conveniently located at 1300 Granville Street in downtown Vancouver. *This performance is presented by The Canadian Pacific Blues Society.*

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