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BLUES HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE 2011 TO PERFORM AT BORNEO JAZZ

KUCHING, April 29, 2011 – If, in 2010, James Cotton, Grammy award winner had the audience asking for more, then this year, you can be sure that John Hammond, Blues Hall of Fame Inductee for 2011 will mesmerise you.

Grammy award winning Bluesman John Hammond began playing guitar and harmonica while in high school by listening to old blues records. After attending Antioch College in Ohio for a year, Hammond returned to New York City to play acoustic country blues music on the coffeehouse circuit. By 1962 he had built up a significant following with his delivery of raw, energetic covers of classic blues material and he has now become a legend in his own right.

With 7 Grammy nominations, including one for 2010, Hammond's history is a who's who of Blues, and includes performances or recordings with Eric Clapton, Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Duane Allman, Mike Bloomfield, JJ Cale, Tom Waits, The Band, John Lee Hooker, Dr. John and many, many more. He has so many stories to tell, including putting the band together for the young Jimi Hendrix that launched his international career.

Hammond has repeatedly been voted as one of the top ten blues artist in the world. He is known as the embodiment of the quintessential acoustic Blues troubadour, always serving tradition by pouring his heart and soul into full-bodied interpretations of the classics through the simple combination of brilliant guitar, rack harmonica, and intensely expressive vocals. Hammond has released over two-dozen albums over a four-decade career, and has earned a stellar reputation as one of the most compelling live blues showman on stage. It is no surprise therefore that he will be inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in 2011!.

With big names like John Hammond on main stage, we will also not be forgetting our own local band, CQuence who will be performing at the Dinner on Thursday. C'QUENCE are a Latin dance band who cover a range of styles including Meringue, Flamenco, Salsa, Samba, Jazz, Pop & Rock.

This band was formed in 2008 by a multicultural group of friends in Miri, Malaysia to play at a Brazilian style carnival, and have continued playing since. The band play for fun and aim to play music which is a bit different to the rest of the Miri music scene, favouring music which everyone can dance to; Latin salsa king or rank amateur. Strong rythms from Columbian conga player Pedro and Malaysian percussionist Nazrueel provide the drive for the band, with foundation provided by Malaysian Bassist Rimi. Guitar and keys from Keith Robson (U.K) combine with latin sax rifts and improvisation by Greg Stone (U.K.), and finally the melodies are provided in a range of vocal styles and languages by Yadira (Venezuela) and Geja (Netherlands). A range of nationalities and personalities results in a rich blend of musical styles, which is sure to get you dancing.

Borneo Jazz 2011 takes place in Miri from 12-15 May 2011. With artists hailing from every corner of the globe – India, China, Japan, France, Brazil, Holland, Australia, United States, Canada & Malaysia – Borneo Jazz 2011 is truly an international event.

So Hurry, Promotional Tickets until 30 April are still available **only** online at www.ticketcharge.com.my Otherwise you can also make your purchase at any of Sarawak Tourism Board's Visitors Information Centres located in Kuching, Sibul and Miri.

Further enquiries on tickets also available via TicketCharge Hotline: +603-9222 8811 or at TicketCharge @ No 42A-1, Jalan Metro Pudu, Fraser Business Park, Off Jalan Yew, 55100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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