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## **THE GODFATHER OF BRITISH BLUES JOHN MAYALL PERFORMS AT THE BROWARD CENTER ON MAY 12**

**FORT LAUDERDALE** – Legendary blues master **John Mayall** will perform on **Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Amaturio Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

With a career spanning 50 years, the "Godfather of British Blues" has more than 60 albums to his credit, including the all-time classic *Bluesbreakers* with Eric Clapton, the Grammy-nominated *Wake Up Call* and *Stories*, which debuted on the *Billboard* blues charts at #1.

In the early '60s, Mayall began putting musicians together in London under the banner of The Bluesbreakers that, over the years, featured a succession of rock greats including Eric Clapton, Mick Taylor of the Rolling Stones and Fleetwood Mac's Peter Green, John McVie and Mick Fleetwood.

In 1969, with his popularity blossoming in the U.S., Mayall released an acoustic live album entitled *The Turning Point*, from which his song "Room to Move" was destined to become a rock classic and for which he received a Gold record. Attracted by the West Coast climate and culture, he moved to Los Angeles and began forming bands with American musicians. Throughout the '70s, John became further revered for his many jazz/rock/blues innovations featuring such notable performers as Blue Mitchell, Red Holloway, Larry Taylor and Harvey Mandel.

Throughout the '80s and '90s, Mayall's released a succession of dynamic albums such as *Behind The Iron Curtain*, *Chicago Line*, *A Sense of Place* and the *Wake Up Call* that featured guest artists Buddy Guy, Mavis Staples, Albert Collins and Mick Taylor.

In 2005, Mayall was awarded an OBE by The Queen's Honours list and the BBC aired an hour-long documentary on his life and career entitled *The Godfather of British Blues*. Never one to give up on the blues, Mayall celebrated his 80th birthday in 2013 by producing the critic and fan favorite *A Special Life*, his first studio album in five years.

A true living legend, Mayall never disappoints. *BAM* magazine tells it like it is, "At 80, he moves, plays and tours like he was in his 20s. The flame still burns bright."

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