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**NEW RICHARD THOMPSON BAND CD RELEASE THIS MONTH - THE WAIT IS ALMOST OVER!**

**Richard Thompson Plugs In For New Electric Album 'SWEET WARRIOR'**

In Stores May 29th from Shout! Factory in US/Canada  
In Stores May 28th from Proper Records elsewhere in the world

**PRE-ORDER YOUR AUTOGRAPHED COPY!**

Pre-order the latest release from Richard Thompson, SWEET WARRIOR, and receive a limited\* autographed CD booklet with purchase!

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[http://www.newburycomics.com/rel/v2\\_home.php?storenr=103&deptnr=345&affnr=680](http://www.newburycomics.com/rel/v2_home.php?storenr=103&deptnr=345&affnr=680)

for details.

\*Offer valid only with purchase of SWEET WARRIOR. This special offer is valid for both domestic and international orders. Booklets will be available while supplies last, newburycomics.com will post information when autographed booklets are sold out.

Fans can preview 'Dad's Gonna Kill Me' as a single on iTunes, 'Take Care the Road You Choose' at NPR's All Songs Considered Spring Music Preview, and 'Needle and Thread' at Shout Factory. See [www.richardthompson-music.com](http://www.richardthompson-music.com) for links and details.

**PRE-RELEASE REVIEWS**

SWEET WARRIOR receives 4 stars in Record Collector!

"Thompson casually raises the bar once again, forever challenging himself and leaving the lion's share of his contemporaries rooted to the spot and staring up at him in awe."

Harp Magazine lauds SWEET WARRIOR!

"The themes and vocabulary of Thompson's songs remain within the borders of his endlessly fertile terrain."

2007 US/UK BAND TOUR

2008 1,000 YEARS OF POPULAR MUSIC

A wide array of tour dates in solo, band and trio format are now listed at:

<http://www.richardthompson-music.com/Tour.asp>

Makes your plans now to avoid disappointment, as tickets are going quickly!

FAIRPORT CONVENTION 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT CROPREDY

If you're planning to attend Cropredy and want to be 'on the inside track', check out Festival Tours at

<http://www.festtours.com>

Highlight on this year's festival: The original line-up of the seminal Fairport Convention album Liege & Lief – with the obvious exception of Sandy Denny – will be getting back together again for this year's Fairport's Cropredy Convention to perform the work in its entirety. The 1969 line-up, which includes Ashley Hutchings, Dave Mattacks, Simon Nicol, Dave Swarbrick and Richard Thompson, will be joined on stage by Chris While for the 50-minute set on Friday, 10 August.

At the 2006 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, Liege & Lief was voted 'Most Influential Folk Album of All Time' and the above line-up performed Matty Groves on stage at the Awards ceremony. In addition to this award, the line-up received a Gold Disc at Cropredy 2006 from Universal Music Catalogue for Island Records, almost 37 years after the album was released.

Liege & Lief was launched in December 1969 on the Island Records label and spent 17 weeks in the LP charts during 1970. It was hailed as a masterpiece at the time and has continued to win plaudits ever since.

**\$UPPORT JACK THOMPSON - GREAT STRIDES WALK!**

This Sunday, May 20th, Jack Thompson is participating in a walk for his 2nd year running on benefit of Great Strides. Last year Jack raised over \$5,000 which was a huge amount for his first year and it helped his team

be one of the biggest fundraisers! This year Jack has set himself the same goal.

The walk on Sunday will take place at Crescent Bay Park in Santa Monica starting at 9AM. If you would like to join Jack and his parents, please do. If you cannot personally attend, there is another way to help. Donations in any amount, large or small, can be made via Jack's page at: [http://www.cff.org/Great Strides/JackThompson](http://www.cff.org/Great_Strides/JackThompson). Please, please help! We really hope Jack can meet his goal again. It's a more than a worthy cause, and is also tax deductible.

Watch for our Summer Newsletter with further updates soon!

Best regards,

The Beekeeper

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