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## **Acclaimed American Songwriter John Hiatt to Appear at High Point Theatre**

*Eleven-time Grammy nominee and crafter of hit songs for some of the world's best-known performers comes to the Triad on Tuesday, August 12.*

**High Point, North Carolina, July 8, 2008** – John Hiatt may not be a household name, but fans of Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton, B. B. King, Bonnie Raitt, Emmylou Harris and Willie Nelson probably know some of his songs by heart. One of the great songwriters of his generation, Hiatt's 30-year career has produced a number of hits and Grammy Award nominations while earning the enduring respect of music industry insiders. This year, in recognition of his unique and substantial contributions, Nashville's Americana Music Association honored Hiatt with their Lifetime Achievement Award.

"He is the essence of what the Americana Songwriter award is all about," said Jed Hilly, executive director of the Americana Music Association, "a true artist, a performer and songwriter whose work is steeped with integrity." Hiatt first broke into the Top 20 in 1974, when Three Dog Night took his "Sure as I'm Sittin' Here" to number 16 on the Billboard charts. In the 1980s, Roseanne Cash enjoyed considerable success covering Hiatt's tunes, reaching number 20 on the country charts with "It Hasn't Happened Yet" and getting all the way to number 1 with "This Way We Make a Broken Heart." To close out the decade, Bonnie Raitt's recording of his "Thing Called Love" climbed to 11<sup>th</sup> on the U.S. Top 100.

Following his success as a songwriter, Hiatt built a strong fan base through the 1990s, recording nine straight Billboard Top 200 albums. With a creative vision that scans the full range of contemporary music, he continued to attract a diverse group of performers to his written repertoire, including Iggy Pop, Elvis Costello, Jeff Healey, Steve Earle, Buddy Guy and The Neville Brothers.

"John Hiatt is one of American music's national treasures," concludes Louisa Hart, executive director for the High Point Theatre. "We were thrilled when he agreed to add our venue to his 2008 summer tour, and his August 12 performance promises to be one the finest events of the season." The performance begins at 7:30 pm. Tickets range from \$35/\$45 and are available through [www.highpointtheatre.com](http://www.highpointtheatre.com) or 366.887.3001.

### **About High Point Theatre**

Owned and operated by the City of High Point, the High Point Theatre is conveniently located within the International Home Furnishings Center at the corner of Commerce and Hamilton Streets in High Point. The Theatre features an elegant 965-seat auditorium with continental style seating and three exhibition galleries for meetings, display, or receptions.

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