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# New Riders of the Purple Sage

Featuring original members:

**David Nelson & Buddy Cage**

*with*

**Michael Falzarano** (Hot Tuna) **Johnny Markowski** (Stir Fried/JGB)

**Ronnie Penque** (Stir Fried/JGB/Ripple)

## **The New Riders of the Purple Sage Ride Again**

The long-awaited return of The New Riders of the Purple Sage has fans in a psychedelic head spin. Original members David Nelson (guitar and vocals) and Buddy Cage (pedal Steel) along with Michael Falzarano (guitar, mandolin and vocals), Johnny Markowski (drums and vocals) and Ronnie Penque (bass and vocals) have been treating their fans with NRPS original music for over a year now since the reformation of the group. Once called the greatest cosmic, psychedelic-country folk rock & roll band in the universe, the new lineup of NRPS will continue to revive its legendary reputation in the early Winter of 2007.

Veterans David Nelson and Buddy Cage have put together a smokin' band to perform its timeless music to fans both old and new. "David and I will be playing our NRPS catalog," says Buddy Cage who replaced Jerry Garcia on pedal steel in the band's earliest lineup in 1971. Original bass player Dave Torbert and drummer Spencer Dryden have passed away and are now a part of the ethereal band. They will undoubtedly be smiling down as their music lives on. Co-founder John Dawson cannot lend his considerable talents due to ongoing health problems although he will be there in spirit.

Formed in 1969, The New Riders were signed to Columbia Records in 1971 by Clive Davis and its eponymous first album, New Riders of the Purple Sage, was released in September of that year to widespread acclaim. For the next 11 years the band continued to tour and release over 12 albums, selling over 4 million records. The two bands that helped define country rock as we know it are The Eagles and The New Riders of the Purple Sage. If the Eagles were the Beatles of country rock, then The New Riders of the Purple Sage were The Rolling Stones - rockin', rowdy and genuine.

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