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### **MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT**

**May 6, 2006 — 7:30 pm**

The **Folk Music Society of Huntington's FIRST SATURDAY CONCERTS** will present:

**W. C. Handy  
Award  
Winner**

# **RORY BLOCK**

*Country blues . . . just fine pickin' and singin'*



Heralded as "One of the greatest living acoustic blues artists" by Blues Revue, Rory Block has committed her life and her career to preserving the Delta blues tradition and bringing it to life for 21st century audiences around the world. A traditionalist and an innovator at the same time, she wields a fiery and haunting guitar and vocal style that redefines the boundaries of acoustic blues and folk. The New York Times declared: "Her playing is perfect, her singing otherworldly as she wrestles with ghosts, shadows and legends."

Born in Princeton, NJ, Aurora "Rory" Block grew up in Manhattan in a family with Bohemian leanings. Her father Allan owned the famous Greenwich Village sandal shop where musicians like Bob Dylan, Maria Muldaur and John Sebastian all made appearances. The rich and diverse Village scene was a constant influence on her cultural sensibilities: she was playing guitar by age ten, and by her early teens she was sitting in on the Sunday jam sessions in Washington Square Park. At 15, she hit the road and began her life journey in the blues by crossing America, learning from the Delta blues greats — Son House, Mississippi John Hurt, Skip James — absorbing their technique and creativity.

She'll share her W.C.Handy awards (4 of them!) winning talents with us right here in Huntington.

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High resolution digital photos available on request

#### **ABOUT THE CONCERT AND VENUE:**

Concert at 7:30 pm, at the Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Drive, Centerport (just off 25A).

An "open mike" segment precedes the main concert. All are welcome at the open mike; sign up is before 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be available during the intermission.

General admission for this event is \$20, with \$17 for members. For more information regarding this event please call (631) 425-2925 or email to info@fmshny.org

Addition information about the Folk Music Society of Huntington and our concerts are available on our website:

<http://fmshny.org>

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