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## **RAY STEVENS IN CONCERT**

July 3, 2010

Tickets On Sale May 21

Celebrate Independence Day weekend as multi-platinum recording artist, songwriter and two-time Grammy winner Ray Stevens takes the stage at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds on July 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Ray Stevens has had over 25 million albums and over 4 million videos sold throughout his illustrious career. From his comedy hit, "The Streak" to the socially aware "Mr. Businessman" to his Grammy award winning pop standard "Everything is Beautiful," Stevens continues to showcase his observant and witty songwriting.

While only six years old in a small, cotton mill town twenty miles north of Atlanta, Ray Stevens had the realization that music would be his life. By the age of seventeen Ray made his first trip to Nashville to record his first track, "Silver Bracelet". He then returned to Atlanta, finished high school and started college at Georgia State University where he studied classical piano and music theory. In 1962, Ray recorded "Ahab the Arab" which was his first Top 5 pop chart hit.

After recording hits including "Harry The Hairy Ape" and "Santa Clause is Watching You," Ray also focused on producing other artists. Working at Monument Records during his early career, Ray produced a newcomer, Dolly Parton.

Ray Stevens other major hits include "Shriner's Convention", "The Mississippi Squirrel Revival" and "It's Me Again Margaret". In 2007 Ray decided to record exclusively for his own label, Clyde Records, Inc. Changing it from direct market only to a full service label that would make releases available to retail and for download. This now allows him control of the timeline in which new recordings are released.

Don't miss this comical music performance of the year as Ray Stevens brings his span of pop, country, rock and comedy to the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in the 2900 seat, Anderson Music Hall in Hiawassee, Georgia on July 3, 2010. Tickets are scheduled to go on sale May 21, 2010 and prices are \$40 & \$30 plus a \$2 handling fee. For more Information call (706) 896-4191 or visit us online at [www.GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com](http://www.GeorgiaMountainFairgrounds.com)