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Fast Johnny Ricker comes to Topeka for a live performance of his latest original, psychedelic blues rock CD, titled 'Arise & Dig' on Saturday, December 20 with a release party at Uncle Bo's from 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

Johnny has performed in Topeka many times in the past, and is returning with his own brand of melt down guitar driven material, fresh off his new CD. Kansas City blues harmonica virtuoso, John Paul Drum appears on the new release as a guest artist, as well as, former bass player, J. Ashley Miller, who produced, engineered and performed on 'Arise & Dig.'

The band currently consists of Johnny Ricker on guitar and vocals, Gary Miller on drums, and the newest member of the band, Johnny's son, Davis Ricker, age 17, on bass guitar.

Growing up in Kansas City and being involved in the KC music scene for 35 years, Johnny has honed his original style through a rich musical heritage. He has played regionally from Chicago to Texas to Nashville, and shared the bill with such greats as The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Leon Russell, Bo Diddly, Junior Brown, and dozens more.

Johnny is featured In the November issue of Kansas City Blues News Magazine and reviewer El Dormido writes:

"Fast Johnny Ricker's new release, 'Arise & Dig' is more than great guitar music. It is a mythological pilgrimage of great depth and emotion. The words and music are unified into a whole by an overarching concept, the precise execution of which qualifies this release as a masterwork."

All tunes on the CD were co-written by Johnny and his wife, Delight Davis.

This is Fast Johnny Ricker's sixth release.

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