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Furry Lewis Concert

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MORRIS (1/21/76) Furry Lewis, known as the world's oldest practicing blues musician, will be at the University of Minnesota, Morris for an 8:15 p.m. concert in Edson Auditorium Jan. 30.

Lewis, who has been performing almost three-quarters of a century, has played everything from medicine shows to barrellhouses to concert hall stages throughout the United States.

An old friend and compatriot of the likes of W.C. Handy, Leadbelly, Robert Johnson, Bessie Smith, Ma Rainey and numerous others of the blues and pre-blues era, Lewis has himself authored a number of blues classics.

He recently returned from a performing tour in Europe, and opened the Rolling Stones' Memphis concert on their demand. His performance is said to "bridge the gap of generations and reveal the common humanity that is the appeal of blues."

The concert is open to the public without charge.

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