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CTBA Needs Your Help!



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CTBA needs you to serve as a director, newsletter editor, or committee member. This is a great opportunity for you to become an active member of CTBA and to put your unique talents to use in your community. We will have as many as five director positions open for 2007. Director duties include event and bulletin coordination, treasury management, secretarial duties, and membership relations. Directors meet no more than once a month to discuss upcoming events, review ongoing concerns, and to listen to CTBA member recommendations and input.

CTBA needs an Event Committee for 2007. I feel we need a committee that plans quarterly events for CTBA members. This may very well be what CTBA needs the most. I also think this would be the most enjoyable way for you to get involved with our organization. Along with three or four others, you would plan quarterly events in the community. Over the past few years the financial ability of CTBA has strengthened considerably. Leveraging this ability you would coordinate with the CTBA board, bands, and members to plan shows and workshops for members and the community.

Lastly, CTBA needs a new editor for the newsletter. You will be in charge of gathering, organizing, and distributing our monthly bulletin. Currently several individuals contribute content to the bulletin, and you would be in charge of organizing the content in your own unique style. CTBA will provide you with the software necessary to complete this task.

I am confident that you or someone you know would love to serve CTBA as a volunteer. Non-profit organizations can only be sustained if members get involved helping the organization reach its goals. This is your chance to promote and educate the public on Bluegrass and American Roots music. This is also your chance to enjoy and meet the many people in your community who have interest similar to yours. CTBA needs you. If you feel that you would be interested in serving on the Board of Directors, writing or editing for the Bluegrass Bulletin, or promoting upcoming CTBA events, then call me at (512) 826-6861 or email us at ctba@centraltexasbluegrass.org.

Thank you for all the support and hard work you have given this organization in the past, and I hope that you will feel compelled to give more to your organization through volunteer efforts. The Central Texas community has embraced Bluegrass music through your efforts, and I know we can keep the legacy and love of our music alive and growing in this wonderfully embracing community.

Frisco Bluegrass Festival

Review By Sean McCormick

Just let me start by saying if anyone missed the chance to go see this festival, you missed a GREAT show!

The day was a little on the cool side, but all the good music more than made up for it. My wife and I arrived at the Pizza Hut Park a few hours before show time, and I had the chance to jam with a few people who were waiting for the gates to open. Everyone I had the chance to meet and play music with were very nice.



After the gates were opened, we found our seats, and got ready for the music. First up was Cadillac Sky, a group out of the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Never having the opportunity to see them before, I wasn't sure what to expect. They have a sound which could be best described as progressive but at the same time, much of their music had a traditional sound. Each member of the group is highly talented, and blend very well with each other, never overpowering one another. On fiddle - Ross Holmes; mandolin and vocals - Brian Simpson; upright bass, vocals - Andy Moritz; guitar, vocals - Mike Jump; and last but certainly not least on banjo - Mike Menefee. Along with being incredible musicians, they are one of the most entertaining, high energy bands I've seen in a long time.

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Blacktop Bend



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Frisco Bluegrass Festival

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Up next, one of my new favorite groups Williams & Clark Expedition, out of Franklin, Tennessee. They feature good harmonies and excellent instrumentals and are very entertaining. Blake Williams (banjo, vocals) has performed with bluegrass legends Lester Flatt and Bill Monroe; and is a well sought after studio musician. Kimberly Williams (bass, vocals) is a Texas native, and was previously a producer for Opryland Productions. Wayn Southards (guitar, vocals) hails from Missouri, and had a successful stint in Nashville, working with country artists John Conlee and The Sweethearts Of The Rodeo. In 1987 he was named top male vocalist by SPBGMA. Bobby Clark (mandolin, vocals) is a longtime bluegrass musician out of Oklahoma. One of the most respected mandolin players in bluegrass, he previously won the mandolin championship in Winfield, KS; and the World Mandolin Championship in Des Moines, Iowa. He is also well known for his work with Grand Ole Opry member Mike Snider. Their show was very energetic, and included a lot of humor from Blake Williams. If you ever have to opportunity to go see them in concert, you won't be disappointed!



Next up, The Claire Lynch Band. This band features an award winning guitar player, and bassist; along with warm, heartfelt vocals. Claire Lynch (guitar, vocals) most people are familiar with her previous band, The Front Porch String Band. After taking a hiatus from music in 2000, she reformed her band, sounding as good as ever. Jim Hurst (guitar, vocals) is a Kentucky native, and one of the most sought after guitarist in bluegrass; along with being a very talented vocalist. Missy Raines (bass & vocals) is a four time IBMA Bass player of the year award winner (and the first woman to ever receive the award). David Harvey (mandolin & fiddle) started out in bluegrass at the 14, touring with the Red Allen band. In the mid 80's he worked with bluegrass great Larry Sparks, and then went on to form Wild & Blue with his wife in the late 80's, and would perform together for 12 years. Their show was really nice, and featured a lot of great vocal work by Claire Lynch, and unbelievably solid guitar work by Jim Hurst.



Next, Rhonda Vincent & The Rage took the stage. Rhonda Vincent's career started from a very young age, performing with her family (The Sally Mtn. Show). She would go on to have a short stint in country music, and then return to her bluegrass roots. She's an accomplished mandolin player and a multi award winning vocalist. Kenny Ingram (banjo & guitar) is a bluegrass veteran, playing with none other than bluegrass legend Lester Flatt. He is one of the most respected banjo players in bluegrass today. Hunter Berry (fiddle) is an award winning fiddle player, and has performed previously with Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver. Mickey Harris (bass & vocals) is a very talented and gifted bass player and singer from Tennessee. Josh Williams (guitar, mandolin, vocals) is one of those rare talents – he has won awards previously in almost every instrumental category, and is a tremendous singer. He previously worked with Special Consensus. It goes without saying for anyone who has seen her in concert, she has one of the most high energy shows, and never loses the crowds attention.

The last (but CERTAINLY not least) group to take the stage were Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder. Ricky Skaggs (mandolin, guitar, vocals) Started out in bluegrass at age 6, performing with bluegrass legends such as Flatt & Scruggs, and The Stanley Brothers. He would go on to perform with the Country Gentlemen, as well as Boone Creek. He was a major force in country music in the 80's. After a successful country career, he returned to his bluegrass roots in the 90's. Kentucky Thunder has won numerous instrumental group of the year awards, featuring the following musicians::Andy Leftwich (fiddle), Cody Kilby (guitar), Darrin Vincent (harmony vocals, rhythm guitar), Paul Brewster (harmony vocals, rhythm guitar), and Jim Mills (banjo, harmony vocals). To list all of their accomplishments would take much more time than I have now. Simply put, this festival was one of the best I've went to all year!





March 2-3, 2007

Cross Timbers Community Church
Argyle, Texas

Friday



LARRY SPARKS

Friday



Laurie Lewis &
THE RIGHT HANDS

Saturday



THE CLAIRE LYNCH BAND

Saturday



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CTBA Band Shows and Events

December 2006

Saturday	Dec 2, 2006	12pm	Piney Grove Ramblers - Pearl Bluegrass, Pearl TX
		3:30pm	BuffaloGrass - Baranoff Elementary Bailey Middle School, 4020 Lost Oasis Hollow Austin, TX 78739
		4pm	CTBA Beginners Jam - Artz Ribhouse, 2330 South Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704
		6pm	Teresa Garner and Bluegrass Express - County Seat, Georgetown, TX
		7pm	Blacktop Bend CTBA - Artz Ribhouse, 2330 South Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704
		7pm	CTBA Night at Artz Ribhouse - Artz Ribhouse, 2330 South Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704
Sunday	Dec 3, 2006	3pm	Blacktop Bend - 12115 Manchaca Rd., Austin, TX 78748
Saturday	Dec 9, 2006	8pm	Austin Lounge Lizards - Town & Country Coffeehouse, Lake Cities UMC, Lake Dallas, TX 8:00pm
Tuesday	Dec 12, 2006	5:30pm	BuffaloGrass - Berkeley United Methodist Church, 2407 Berkeley Ave., Austin, TX.
Wednesday	Dec 13, 2006	7pm	Piney Grove Ramblers AAAMS BG Jam - AAAMS Bluegrass Jam
Friday	Dec 15, 2006	6pm	Randy's Rangers - County Seat on the Square in Georgetown
Saturday	Dec 16, 2006	7:30pm	The Sieker Band - Artz Ribhouse, 2330 South Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704
Sunday	Dec 17, 2006	3pm	Piney Grove Ramblers - Brighton Gardens of Austin
Monday	Dec 18, 2006	8pm	Austin Lounge Lizards - Armadillo Christmas Bizarre, Austin Music Hall, Austin, TX
Wednesday	Dec 20, 2006	6pm	Teresa Garner and Bluegrass Express - DALE'S ESSENHAUS, WALBURG
Friday	Dec 22, 2006	7pm	The Sieker Band - Walburg Restaurant (inside), Walburg TX
Saturday	Dec 23, 2006	7pm	The Sieker Band - Walburg Restaurant (inside), Walburg TX
Wednesday	Dec 27, 2006	7pm	Piney Grove Ramblers AAAMS BG Jam - AAAMS Bluegrass Jam
Thursday	Dec 28, 2006	10pm	Twangzilla - Flipnotics, 1603 Barton Springs Rd.
Sunday	Dec 31, 2006	7pm	The Sieker Band - Walburg Restaurant (inside), Walburg TX

If you are a member of CTBA, and your band has a upcoming show please email contributing editor Dale Albright at dale-mandolin@austin.rr.com.

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•Beginner/Intermed. Jam 1st & 3rd Thursday 7-9 pm; Steve Mangold 512-345-6155

• CTBA 1st Saturday Show, Artz Rib House, show 7:00pm

• Jam Session: Sunday at Artz Rib House, 2-5 pm

• Live Bluegrass Show: Artz Ribhouse 2330 S. Lamar, Sunday 6:00 pm; 512-442-8283

• AAAMS JAM 2nd & 4th Wed, Leander/ Cedar Park Fine Arts Academy, 200 Buttercup Rd., Ste. 104, Cedar Park, 7-9, 512/401-TUNE

• AFTM Contra Dance: 3rd Sat., 3501 Red River 8-11 pm, \$7, 462-0511

• AFTM Jam Session: 2nd Sun at Threadgill's South Barton Springs & Riverside, 2pm

BELLVILLE,

•Spring Creek Club Jam/Show 4th Sat; 4pm jam,, 6:30 pm-show. Coughatte Recreation Ranch 979 865-5250 bluegrass22@ev1.net
Plenty of RV camping and good food.

BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION

• Brazos Country Grass Monday Jam J. Cody's, 3610 S College 6-9pm, www.brazoscountrgrass.com

CEDAR PARK, Irishsessions Jam, J&J's BBQ, 1st and 3rd Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm. 512/401-TUNE.

CHRISMAN

• Jam: 3rd Sat: 7-10 pm; Chriesman Cmnty Center, Don Cook 979-567-0573

CLEBURNE

• Show & Jam: 3rd Fri Cleburne Civic Center, 1501 W Henderson (Hwy 67)7 pm, \$3 www.geocities.com/ntbBluegrass

FLATONIA

• Jam:4th Saturday, Stockman's Restaurant, Stuart & Diane Raef 361-865-2154

GARLAND

• Bluegrass on the Square: Sat- March thru November between Main and State Sts. at 6th, 7:30-1 am, Jim Miller 972-276-3197

GEORGETOWN

• Randy's Rangers Thursday Jam: duke's BBQ Smokehouse, 7-9 pm, 512/869-8076 or www.sigi.us/RR

• 2nd Sunday Jam, held at 1pm athe San Gabriel Park in Georgetown behind the football stadium. Contact Jon or Sigi (512) 869-8076.

THE GROVE

• Outside Pick General Store, 15 mi. west of Temple on Hwy36, Sat, 6 pm til... M. Anderson 512-282-1215

HARWOOD

• Stage Show & Jam Session 3rd Sat, 9 mi. E. of Luling, Hwy 90, 2-9 pm, Ben Buchanan 512-263-7193

LULING

• Bluegrass Jam /Show: 1st Sat every month, 200 E.Travis, 4:00, 830-875-2917

LEAGUE CITY (BABA)

• Jam & Free Bluegrass Show 3rd. Sat: Jam 5pm, Show 6:30 Jan-Nov, League City Civic Center, 300 W. Walker St. 713-990-5171

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PARIS

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PEARL

• Jam & Stage Show 1st Sat: Jam 12:00, Show 4:30 Hwy 183, 7 mi. south of Purmela Ronald Medart 254-865-6013

ROCKNE

• Bluegrass/Country Jam 1st : 3pm til ..., 8 mi. S. of Cedar Creek on FM 535

SAN ANTONIO

•Intermediate Bluegrass Jam (Hosted by Barefoot Larry) every Second, Fourth and Fifth Tuesday Evenings, 6pm-9pm. Grady's BBQ #7 327 E. Nakoma San Antonio, Texas, 78216 www.barefootlarry.com larry@barefootlarry.com

• Open Bluegrass Jam Session

1st and 3rd Tuesday, 6-8:30 Grady's Bar-B-Q, Store No. 4 6510 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX 78216 Hosted by Tom Taylor 210-805-8036

SMITHVILLE,

•WayStation Opry; 1st Sat, 205 NE 2nd, 6 pm, Steve Boatright, 512-272-8008

SOUR LAKE (Beaumont)

• Jam & Free Show: Southeast Tx BG Music Assn, 3rd Sat: 4pm, Elementary School, Hwy 326 S. Edy Mathews 409-755-0622

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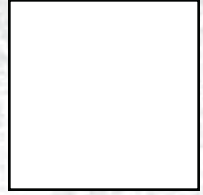
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