

via Marty:

major texas music festival roundup for december 2004 issue would stand as a major feature detailing five or six with briefs on five or six (or any arbitrary number) more

Nelson

Regarding Texas blues festivals, some that have been around for several years and are likely to stay are: "Janis Joplin Birthday Bash" Port Arthur, January; "KNON Blues Fest" Dallas, January; "Texas Blues Festival" Tyler, April; "Southwest Blues Festival" Dallas, May; "Navasota Blues Festival" Navasota, June; "Texas International Blues Festival" Dallas, August; "Wortham Blues Festival" Wortham, September; "Denton Blues Festival" Denton, September; "Bedford Blues Festival" Bedford, September (Labor day weekend). North Texas, especially the Dallas-Ft Worth area is loaded with them. Houston and San Antonio have festivals every year, but I haven't been able to determine if they are regular annual events. It looks like they change dates and themes from year to year. I will let you know more when I can contact the blues societies there. As for West Texas, Amarillo this year is having its 2nd annual "Barbecue and Blues" on July 4, and they say they plan to continue.

DATES ARE '02**Janis Joplin Birthday Bash****January 19***Port Arthur Civic Center; Highway 73 at Ninth Avenue*

Triangle Concert Productions

Don Ball

3319 Avenue D; Nederland, TX 77627

(409) 722-3699; (800) 235-7822; Fax (409) 722-2255

triangleconcert@webtv.net**Music: Blues, Rock****Activities: Awards show, Music festival**

The Janis Joplin Birthday Bash features the Southeast Texas Musical Heritage concert as a salute to successful Port Arthur and Gulf Coast area artists and musicians. In 1988, Janis Joplin was recognized for her accomplishments in both her life and career. Music guests in previous years include Kris Kristofferson, Johnny Winter, Marcia Ball, Delbert McClinton, Big Brother and the Holding Company, B.J. Thomas, Charles Mann, Warren Storm, Bobby Charles, The Beat Daddys, Last American Virgin featuring Shea, The Heartbeat Band, Rolot Frith, Jivin' Gene, and more. This year's celebration will feature ZZ Top, Frankie Ford, Percy Sledge and Dale and Grace who will be inducted into the Gulf Coast Musical hall of Fame exhibit located in the Museum of the Gulf Coast in Port Arthur. There will be a total of eight acts performing at this year's show, including Johnny Preston, Amy Lum and Class Act, The Beat Daddys, and Robert Frith and Third Coast. New Inductees include the Big Bopper, Jr., Tony Joe White, John Fred.

South Texas Music Festival**February 20-24**

Mercedes show grounds; 1000 North Texas Avenue

Paul Martinez

P.O. Box 37; Donna, TX 78537

(956) 464-7767; Fax (956) 464-7767

musicfest99@earthlink.net

Music: Bluegrass, Children's, Christian, Country, Cowboy, Folk/Acoustic, Tejano, Mariachi, Texas Swing

Activities: Awards show, Cowboy poetry, Fiddling contests, Music festival, Singing contests, Songwriting contests, Street dance

The 2002 South Texas Music Festival always starts the third Wednesday in February. Location is Mercedes, Texas, 1000 North Texas Avenue at the Mercedes show grounds. Music will include country, folk, bluegrass, western, mariachi, Texas swing, Tejano & religious. Arts & crafts plus lots of contests and workshops. Trophies, prizes. 130 acres of music. Camping and showers available & full RV service. Bring your instruments and join us. There will be a Native American village. We have all types of contests and work shops for young and old.

Texas Independence Day Music Festival

March 1-2

Sons of Hermann Hall; 3414 Elm

J & B Productions

James Buck

P.O. Box 720251; Dallas, TX 75372

(214) 823-3966; Fax (580) 657-4693

coldblue@coldbluesteel.com

Music: Blues, Country, Jazz, R&B, Rock, Latin/Tejano

The Texas Independence Day Music Festival features eight hours of continuous music from 6 p.m.-2 a.m. We feature Tejano, country, rock, and rhythm and blues. The event honors not only Texas independence but its rich musical heritage. Part of the proceeds will go to the Texas Music Association which helps support and promote local musicians. Event hours are 6 p.m.-2 a.m Friday, and 4:00 p.m.-12 Midnight Saturday. Past performers include Cold Blue Steel, Joe Jonas and the Whalers, Mark Pollack, Matt Snow Band, Tim Alexander, Curly "Barefoot" Miller, Tropical Depression, Texas Topcats, Holland K. Smith Bank, Randy Willis Band, Mike Morgan, Donnie Ray Ford, and Grammy award winning group Little Joe y La Familia.

North Texas Irish Festival

March 2-3

Fair Park; Automobile Building and the Centennial Building

Southwest Celtic Music Association

Harold Rolle

4340 North Central Expwy., Suite 104; Dallas, TX 75206-6550

(214) 821-4173; (214) 821-4174;

ntif@yahoo.com

Music: Folk/Acoustic, Celtic

Activities: Music festival, Arts & Crafts

The North Texas Irish Festival in Fair Park is one of the largest Irish festivals in the U.S. The festival offers continuous music on seven stages and a complete children's area, making the event fun for the whole family.

National Accordion Convention**March 7-9***Holiday Inn; 700 East Central Parkway, Plano, TX*

Texas Accordion Association

Norman Seaton

11240 Drummond Drive; Dallas, TX 75228

(972) 270-3791

nns5522@dcccd.edu**Music: Big Band, Cajun, Classical, Dance, Folk/Acoustic, Jazz, Polka, Pop, Latin/Tejano****Activities: Music festival**

The 2002 National Accordion Convention will feature special guest artist Lidia Kaminska from Poland. Guest Conductors include Alice Aman - Colorado, John Simkus - Illinois, Mary Medrick Jim Rommel, Texas and Becky Blake, Texas. Other special guests include Tim Alexander (5-time Grammy Award Winner), Santiago Jaminez, plus many many more! Friday evening concert features spectacular accordion music. Saturday evening concert is an Accordion Extravaganza featuring Convention Accordion Orchestra. Workshops, Concerts, Trade Shows, Fun Fun Fun!

South by Southwest Music and Media Conference**March 8-17***Austin Convention Center*

South By Southwest, Inc.

Roland Swenson

P.O. Box 4999; Austin, TX 78765

(512) 467-7979; Fax (512) 451-0754

sxsw@sxsw.com**Music: Bluegrass, Blues, Children's, Country, Folk/Acoustic, Jazz, R&B, Rock****Activities: Music festival, Trade show/convention**

South by Southwest Music and Media Conference features a four-day conference attended by both international and national music industry professionals. The five-night music festival features more than 700 bands. A trade show and softball game with barbeque are included.

Austin Music Awards**March 13***Austin Music Hall; Third Street and Nueces*

Austin Chronicle

Margaret Moser and Louis Black

P.O. Box 49066; Austin, TX 78765

(512) 454-5766; Fax (512) 458-6910

mail@auschron.com

Music: Blues, Country, Folk/Acoustic, Rock, Latin/Tejano

Activities: Awards show

The Austin Music Awards honors the winners of the Austin Chronicle's annual Music Poll. It also serves as the official opening of the South by Southwest Music and Media Conference. The 18-year-old event features a variety of performers and musical genres, such as the Texas Tornados, Soul Hat, Lou Ann Barton, the True Believers, Stevie Ray Vaughn and Double Trouble, Little Sister, Pariah, Don Walser, Junior and Tanya Rae Brown, Flaco Jimenez, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, W.C. Clark, Sincola, the Ugly Americans, Angela Strehli, Roky Erickson and more.

Annual Bob Marley Festival Tour

March 9-10, April 6-7, May 4-5, September 7-8, 21-22, October 12-13, November 2-3

Various Cities

S.V. Kyles and Associates - EarthWorks Productions

Don Schwarzkopf

P.O. Box 8305; Houston, TX 77288

(713) 688-3900; (713) 688-3773; Fax (713) 290-0003

bobmarleyfest@juno.com

Music: Reggae, World Beat

Activities: Music festival, Street dance

The Annual Bob Marley Festival Tour kicks off in Houston the 2nd weekend in March and continues on to 19 other cities each year. Additional Texas tour dates in 2002 include: April 6-7 and October 13-13 in San Antonio, May 4-5 in Fort Worth, November 2-3 in Clear Lake/Galveston, September 21-22 in Dallas, and September 7-8 in Austin. This annual festival features live concert entertainment, jugglers, dance troupes, poetry readings, Jamaican, African, Caribbean, reggae, and world beat music provided by bands from all over the world. This year the festival will also salute female artists at each stop. In addition to the entertainment, the celebration features a special kid's playscape area, Caribbean, African, American, arts and crafts along with some of the best Caribbean, African, American, and Third World countries foods anywhere.

Texas Steel Guitar Jamboree

March 21-24

Harvey Hotel DFW; off Highway 121 in Irving

Texas Steel Guitar Association

Charlie Norris, President

500 North Galloway; Mesquite, TX 75149

(972) 285-1251; (888) 208-9709; Fax (972) 285-1378

Music: Country, Cowboy, Jazz

Activities: Music festival, Trade show/convention

The Steel Guitar Jamboree in Irving is one of the most popular steel guitar events in the nation. You can see and hear legendary performers and other great talents, visit with instructors, instrument manufacturers and suppliers. Lots of great country/western, jazz

and swing music will be played. Past performers include John Hughey, Hal Augg, Weldon Myrick, Tom Morrell, Herb Remington, Dewitt Scott, Maurice Anderson and Jeff Newman.

Bluegrass Jamboree

April 4-7

Oakdale Park; Highway 144 South

Oakdale Park

Pete May

P.O. Box 548; Glen Rose, TX 76043

(254) 897-2321

Music: Bluegrass

Activities: Music festival

The Bluegrass Jamboree in Oakdale Park, the Bluegrass capital of Texas, features four days of traditional bluegrass music by professional and amateur bands. Performers include Phillip Wingfield and friends, Flint Hill Special, Goldwing Express, Carolina Rebels, and the Rainbow Mountain Band.

Old Settlers Music Festival

April 19-21

Salt Lick Pavilion and Camp Ben McCulloch in Austin, TX; Farm Road 1826, 11 miles south of Highway 290 West

Old Settlers' Bluegrass Festival, Inc.

Randy Collier

P.O. Box 28187; Austin, TX 78755-8187

(512) 346-1629; (512) 370-4680.

info@oldsettlersmusicfest.org

Music: Bluegrass, Blues, Children's, Christian, Folk/Acoustic, Jazz

Activities: Fiddling contests, Music festival

Old Settlers Music Festival at the Salt Lick Pavilion. Central Texas' signature music event featuring Grammy winning Americana music. Acoustic jazz and blues, bluegrass, old-time, local favorites and award-winning artists from around the world. Family-friendly, Old Settlers encourages children and adults to appreciate and preserve American roots music by providing workshops, displays and activities. Bring an instrument, a lawn chair, a tent, some sunglasses and enjoy the most tantalizing and exciting music the planet has to offer. Show times vary each day. Performers include: Bruce Hornsby, Michelle Shocked, Del McCoury, Peter Rowan, John Cowan w/ Vassar Clements, Terri Hendrix Band, Blueground Undergrass, Flounders Without Eyes, The Special Consensus, Karen Abrahams, Two High String Band, Darden Smith, Smokin' Grass, Ryan Holladay, Railroad Earth, and of course, The Waybacks. As usual, there are even more special guests under consideration. This year we also have: a kids' band competition, a fabulous new location, even closer to South Austin, TX, even better workshops, and a real campground.

Tejano Conjunto Festival

May 8-12

Guadalupe Theatre, Rosedale Park; 340 Dartmouth at North General McMullen
Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center

Pilar Chapa

1300 Guadalupe Street; San Antonio, TX 78207-5519

(210) 271-3151; Fax (210) 271-3480

info@guadalupeculturalarts.org

Music: Tejano, Conjunto

Activities: Music festival

The Tejano Conjunto Festival, sponsored by the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, pays tribute to the unique hybrid sound that blends Mexican mariachi music, Latin American cumbias and rancheras, polkas, waltzes, scottishes, country, blues and jazz. The button accordion reigns supreme in the conjunto ensemble. If you ain't got that squeezebox, you ain't got conjunto music. More than twenty-five acts are scheduled to appear.

Tuesday night is the special tribute to the Conjunto Music Hall of Fame members at the Guadalupe Theatre.

Lone Star State Dulcimer Festival

May 10-12

Oakdale Park Campground, Glen Rose, TX.

Lone Star State Dulcimer Society

Dana Hamilton

2624 Quail Ridge; Irving, TX 75060

(972) 986-6371

jmm1@flash.net

Music: Country, Folk/Acoustic

Activities: Music festival, Street dance

For the last 20 years the members of the Lone Star State Dulcimer Society have produced one of the finest Dulcimer Festivals in the United States. This festival is produced through the work and cooperation of our membership. We have never charged any admission and have been able to keep producing the festival for 20 years through donations, T-shirt sales, craft booths, and raffle tickets. We take great pride in bringing the people of Texas the finest musicians and performers available. We sincerely hope you enjoy and help support this year's festival. The Festival will feature a series of concerts of nationally known performers, including Bill Spence and Fennigs All-Stars Aubry Atwater and Donald Elwood The Gallier Brothers Don Pedi Esther Kreek Lloyd Wright and Bill Thurman Scott Odena David Moran and Joe Morgan Mark Wade Suzanne & Jim Dana Hamilton Russell Cook Sweet Song String Band Reunion Free Daytime Concerts - Friday pm & all day Saturday, Free Workshops Saturday, Arts and Crafts Fair, Texas State Mountain Dulcimer Contest, Texas State Hammer Dulcimer Contest, Free Evening Concerts Friday and Saturday Nights, Ol' Fashioned Square Dance Friday & Saturday Nights, Gospel Music 9:00 a.m. Sunday, Texas Death Match, 10:00 a.m. Sunday, Texas Liar's Contest, 11:00 a.m. Sunday. Concerts will begin around 1:00 p.m. on Friday and will continue until the Old Fashioned "Anyone Can Dance" Square Dance around 10:30 p.m. On Saturday, the concerts will begin around 9:00 a.m. and the Workshops will start around 10:00 a.m. The Saturday Evening Concert will begin around 7:00 with another Old Fashioned Square Dance to follow.

May 20-June 5, 2005 Twelfth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition

Every four years, the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition brings together approximately 30 young musicians from around the world to celebrate their gifts and compete for a wide variety of prizes, including generous cash awards and numerous concert engagements. The competition is a rigorous and comprehensive examination of every facet of each contestant's musicianship and technical proficiency. All competitors are heard in recital; 12 semifinalists play new works and perform chamber music; and six finalists perform two concerti with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra under the direction of a major international conductor. It is the task of the distinguished jury to ultimately select the medalists.

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Kerrville Folk Festival

May 23-June 9

Quiet Valley Ranch; 9 miles south on Highway 16

Kerrville Festivals, Inc.

Rod Kennedy

P.O. Box 291466; Kerrville, TX 78029

(830) 257-3600; (800) 435-8429; Fax (830) 257-8680

staff@kerrville-music.com

Music: Bluegrass, Blues, Children's, Country, Folk/Acoustic, Jazz, Reggae, Rockabilly

Activities: Music festival, Songwriting contests, 80 Crafts Booths, Music Business Seminars

The Kerrville Folk Festival is perhaps the best known of all Texas music festivals. Stretching over 18 days, the festival features more than 120 accomplished international, national and regional songwriters. The festival includes: 11 evening concerts, seven Sundown concerts, three New Folk concerts, six children's concerts, Blues Project, special concerts at Threadgill Theatre, campfire singing, food, camping plus songwriting, and music business seminars. Also, a number of evening concerts can be heard on the world wide web for the festival's webcasts. These full six-hour evenings of music can be heard by tuning to www.kerrville-music.com. Artists include: Peter Yarrow, Tish Hinojosa, Jimmy LaFave, Sara Hickman, Jonathan Edwards, Patty Larkin, Peter Rowan, Goose Creek Symphony, The Wayback, David Willcox, The Wrifs (from Australia), Trout Fishing In America, and 90 more.

National Polka Festival

May 24-26

Downtown Ennis

Ennis Chamber of Commerce

Bill Sanders

P.O. Box 1177; Ennis, TX 75120

(972) 878-2625; (888) 366-4748; Fax (972) 875-1473

jen01@ix.netcom.com

Music: Country, Polka

Activities: Street dance

The National Polka Festival is the oldest festival of its type in Texas. Texas' finest polka bands, as well as popular out-of-state polka bands, play the polkas and waltzes that everyone loves. Events include a parade, live music, arts and crafts, costumes, and street dancing. Delicious klobase and kolaches are available. The festival is held in four air-conditioned halls. Join the fun starting with a 5-K Race and a 1-Mile Polka Fun-Run at 8 a.m. followed by a gala parade at 10 a.m. featuring 13 live bands and arts and crafts. Shuttle buses will run to carry enthusiastic visitors both to-and-from the various entertainment sites.

Texas Fiddlers' Contest and Reunion

May 31

Athens Courthouse Square; Downtown Athens

Athens Old Fiddlers Association

Mary Ensign, Secretary

3041 FM 2495; Athens, TX 75751

(903) 675-1859; (903) 675-2325; Fax (903) 675-6209

mensign@tvcc.cc.tx.us

Music: Bluegrass, Country, Polka

Activities: Fiddling contests, Street dance

The Texas Fiddler's Contest and Reunion is held on the Courthouse Square in Athens as a homecoming for many people. In 1932, the Bethel community started staging a county-wide fiddlers contest as a climax to a farmers' study course. Beginning early on Friday morning, pickin' and fiddlin' takes place all around the downtown square. Groups of people crowd around to listen while the players practice before the contest. Later in the evening, a professional country western band plays for the street dance. There are concessions and novelty stands along the sidewalks, and there's always a carnival set up just off the square. Please bring quilts or lawn chairs to sit on while listening to the music and renewing old acquaintances.

World Championship Fiddler's Festival

June 7-8

Crockett Civic Center; 1100 Edmiston Drive and Loop 304

Houston County Chamber of Commerce

Harold Dean, Tim Culp

P.O. Box 307; Crockett, TX 75835

(936) 544-2359; (888) 269-2359; Fax (936) 544-4355

Music: Christian, Country, Folk/Acoustic

Activities: Fiddling contests, Music festival

The World Championship Fiddlers' Festival has fiddlers from around the world. Fiddlers and fans of fiddlin' music have been coming to Crockett in June since 1937 to hear the best in old time fiddlin' music. Enjoy two days of young and old fiddlers competing for the coveted title of World Champion Fiddler. Comfortable seating in an air conditioned arena. Full meal service and snacks in the modern Crockett Civic Center. Age groups

are children 12 and under, 65 and older, 13-20, 21-35, 36-64, and a grand championship. Contests are held by age groups. Special events will include performances at Davy Crockett Memorial Park.

Round Top Festival

June 8-July 13

Festival Hill at Round Top; Highway 237 at Jaster Road

The James Dick Foundation for the Performing Arts

Alain G. Declert, Information Director

P.O. Box 89; Round Top, TX 78954-0089

(979) 249-3129; (979) 249-3086; Fax (979) 249-3100

festinst@fais.net

Music: Classical

Activities: Music festival

The Round Top Festival has seen phenomenal growth since being founded by American concert pianist James Dick in 1971. Round Top offers talented young instrumentalists, singers and conductors an intensive summer program of individual lessons, master classes and regular performances of the chamber, vocal and orchestral repertoire. The international faculty includes many world renown, teachers, performers, composers and conductors. The Festival Hill campus is located on an historic rural site in central Texas.

Accordion Kings Festival

June 13-15

Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park, 100 Concert Drive; Houston, TX

Texas Folklife Resources

Dawn Orsak

1317 South Congress Avenue; Austin, TX 78704

(512) 441-9255; (713) 284-8350; Fax (512) 441-9222

tfr@io.com

Music: Cajun, Folk/Acoustic, Rockabilly

Activities: Music festival

The squeezebox rules at Texas Folklife Resources' 13th annual Accordion Kings festival, June 13-15 at 7:30 pm each evening at Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. Accordion Kings is based on the premise that the multicultural accordion musics of Texas including Cajun, conjunto, zydeco, Czech Polka are the most popular, non-commercial live musics in the state. They express authentic ethnic traditions that have grown out of centuries of cultural heritage in the Czech, Mexican American and French-speaking Cajun and Creole communities of Texas. And what more appropriate city than Houston in which all of these styles of music are performed for enthusiastic dancers on almost any given weekend. Artists include: Joel Guzman, Sarah Fox, Max Baca, Gulf Coast Playboys, Bradley Williams, Cedryl Ballou and the Zydeco Trandsetters from Waco, Touch of Cajun, Santiago Jimenez. Jr. y su Conjunto, Kovanda's Czech band, Wilfred Chevis, the Texas Zydeco Band, Hackberry Ramblers, and Mingo Saldivar y los Tremendos Cuatro Espadas.

Sacred Harp Singing Convention

August 10-11

Henderson Community Center; South High Street

Emmie and John Morris

8023 CR 374 South; Henderson, TX 75652

(903) 657-0306; Fax (903) 657-0329

Music: Christian, Folk/Acoustic

Sacred Harp is a historic form of Christian folk music sung in four part harmony without musical accompaniment. It is used as a form of worship and fellowship and not a performance type of singing. Sitting in a hollow square, facing each other, the singers sing with a power and involvement that is unmatched by any other type of singing.

During the convention, performers sing from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, a luncheon from noon-1 p.m. on both days for those in attendance, and 9:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. on Sunday. No admission fee is charged and donations are accepted.

Texas International Blues Festival 2

August 16-17

Sons of Herman Hall; 3414 Elm at Exposition in Deep Ellum

J & B Productions

James Buck

P.O. Box 720251; Dallas, TX 75372

(214) 823-3966; (214) 747-4422; Fax (580) 657-4693

coldblue@coldbluesteel.com

Music: Blues, R&B, Rockabilly

Activities: Music festival

The Texas International Bluesfest will showcase Cold Blue Steel, Ray Sharpe, the Shadowcasters, Blues Boy Willie, Hash Brown, the Texas Topcats, and many, many more. This event is benefiting South Dallas Rescue Center. Events are from 2 p.m.-2 a.m. The fifth annual Texas International Blues Festival will be returning to the Son of Hermann Hall Friday and Saturday, August 16 and 17 in Deep Ellum. Show times are 7 p. m.Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday. Headlining both days will be Washington D. C. award winning blues guitarest Lynnewood Taylor and Dallas based award winning blues band Cold Blue Steel. Also appearing at this years event will be the Silvertones, Briefcase Blues Band, former Point Blank lead singer John O'Daniels, Texas Slim and the Love Machine, the Blues Hunters, Texas Topcats, Tone Summers and the Tone Kings, Eye 2 Eye,Mitchel T. and the King Bees, 8 Ball and the Breakers and bluesman Jimmy Atger. Admisson is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets are general admisson and can be purchased via the internet at acteva.com/go/texasblues.

Kerrville Wine and Music Festival

August 29-September 1

Quiet Valley Ranch; 5600 Medina Highway (16 South)

Kerrville Festivals, Inc.

Rod Kennedy

P.O. Box 291466; Kerrville, TX 78029

(830) 257-3600; (800) 435-8429; Fax (830) 257-8680

staff@kerrville-music.com

Music: Bluegrass, Blues, Country, Folk/Acoustic, Reggae

Activities: Music festival, Texas Wine Tasting and Semina

Kerrville Wine and Music Festival is a music festival which presents 35 songwriters and the products of a dozen Texas winemakers. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the concerts, wine tastings, and wine seminars at the outdoor theater at Quiet Valley Ranch, 9 miles south of Kerrville on Highway 16. Performers include more than two dozen regional and national artists. Events include various wine seminars and concerts. Camping is available and is free with a three-day ticket. And there will be dozens of arts and crafts booths.

Austin Salsa Music Festival

September 1

Waterloo Park; 403 East 15th Street

Calliope Promotions, Inc.

Theresa Muñoz

3705 Capistrano Trail; Austin, TX 78739-4306

(512) 899-8585; Fax (512) 899-8550

events@calliopepromotions.com

Music: Tejano, Salsa

Activities: Music festival, Dance lessons, Dance competition

The Austin Salsa Music Festival features local and internationally known Latin talent, dance lessons, food, and merchant vendors. Scheduled for Sunday, September 30th from 2 p.m.-10 p.m. at Waterloo Park. Headlining event will be a international heavy hitting salsa group direct from the Caribbean, Puerto Rican Power. Also scheduled to perform with his own brand of Latin spice is Tito Puente Jr., along with up and coming salsa sensation from New York, Luisito Rosario. This years' event will benefit the American Diabetes Association. To get those novice salsa dancers into swing, the Austin Salsa Music Festival will also provide free dance lessons by professional salsa dancers from San Francisco. Along with a Childrens Amusement area, cultural exhibits and foods from around the world, this is an event that can be enjoyed by all ages and cultures. Admission at the gate is \$10. Children under 12 are free. Advance tickets available at all Star Ticket Outlets.

Austin City Limits Festival 2

September 28-29

Zilker Park; 2100 Barton Springs Road

Capital Sports and Entertainment

Charlie Jones

98 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 430; Austin, TX 78701

(512) 478-7211; Fax (512) 476-0611

info@aclfestival.com

Music: Blues, Children's, Christian, Country, Cowboy, Folk/Acoustic, Jazz, Latin Pop, Rock, Tejano, World Beat

Activities: Music festival

The Austin City Limits Festival brings its music outside to the rolling green acreage of Zilker Park - from September 28-29, 2002 - for the biggest annual music festival Austin has ever seen. With multiple stages of the best music, an art market exhibiting local works and a Taste of Austin food court, you'll get everything that makes Austin great - all in one place. Lineup includes: Ryan Adams, Asleep at the Wheel, Blind Boys of Alabama w/Charlie Musselwhite, David Lindley & John Hammond, Joe Bonamassa, Jane Bond, Caitlin Cary, Gary Clark Jr., W.C. Clark, Shawn Colvin, Cross Canadian Ragweed, Karl Denson, The Derailers, The Durden Family Singers, Ruthie Foster, David Garza, The Gospel Stars, The Gourds, G. Love & Special Sauce, Jon Dee Graham, Pat Green, Patty Griffin, Emmylou Harris, Caroline Herring, The Jayhawks, Lefover Salmon, Lil' Cap'n Travis, Luna, Kevin McKinney, James McMurtry, The Mighty Sincere Voices of Navasota, Monte Montgomery, Abra Moore, Allison Moorer, The New Deal, Nickel Creek, OLOSPO, The Original Bells of Joy, Particle, Patrice Pike, RANA, Robert Randolph, and the Family Band, Rebirth Brass Band, Reckless Kelly, Soulive, Sound Tribe Sector 9, Spacetruck, The String Cheese Incident, Topaz, Jimmie Vaughan, The Weary Boys, Gillian Welch, Wilco, and Kelly Willis. The best of Austin's artists and restaurants will be at the Festival. Included will be an Art Market and the Taste of Austin Food Court. Tickets may be purchased through Star Tickets at 512 469 SHOW or online at www.startickets.com. Until August 15, tickets will be available at these great prices based on availability: July 20-August 15 - One Day Ticket \$20; Two Day Ticket \$35; Kids 10 and under FREE if accompanied with an adult.

Fort Worth Music Festival

October 18-20

Fort Worth; Main Street Downtown

Main Events International (MEI)

Stephen Millard, CFE, President/CEO

2626 Cole Avenue, Suite 400; Dallas, TX 75204

(214) 855-1881; Fax (214) 855-1882

mei@meifestivals.com

Music: Blues, Country, Rock, Rockabilly

Activities: Music festival

The Fort Worth Music Festival will be held at General Worth Square, in downtown Fort Worth. It will be transformed into a free-to-attend outdoor autumn music celebration. This fall music festival which will showcase some of the best local, regional, and national musical entertainment from rock-n-roll to country, is designed to create an outdoor concert hall for attendees to dance in the streets while enjoying great musical entertainment. Last year's headliners included Cowboy Mouth, Bear Jr., Cadillac Voodoo Choir, Hillbilly Cafe, Joe Ely, Dale Watson, and many others. In addition to the two evenings of great music, the festival features a showcase of historic memorabilia, festive food and beverage offers, along with adventuresome lifestyle exhibitors.

North Texas New Music Festival

November 13-17

Deep Ellum; Downtown Dallas

North Texas New Music Festival

Teresa Hale

10486 Brockwood Road; Dallas, TX 75238

(214) 349-0081; (214) 349-0761; Fax (214) 349-3819

info@newmusicfestival.com

Music: Blues, Christian, Country, Dance, Folk/Acoustic, Jazz, Pop, Punk, R&B, Rap/Hip Hop, Reggae, Rock, Rockabilly, Tejano, Swing

Activities: Awards show, Music festival, Educational Panels/Workshops, Charity Auction

The North Texas New Music Festival is North Texas' premier new music showcase. From November 13-17, 2002, more than 150 of the area's best unsigned artists will perform live on more than a dozen Deep Ellum stages for thousands of screaming fans, music industry professionals, and A&R. Festival includes showcases, "Noisy" auction benefiting music-related charities, educational panels, and other fun music-related events. Submissions begin June 1 -- Visit www.newmusicfestival.com for details.