

ESSENTIALS **Music Festivals**

The following are 2005 festival dates; call for admission prices and schedule details.

Mar. 4-6, the 23rd annual **North Texas Irish Festival** is at Dallas' Fair Park, I-30 exit 48A, 214/823-4370 (www.ntif.org). This year's theme is "Bluegrass has Green Roots," celebrating traditional Irish-Scottish music's contribution to American bluegrass music. Headliners include bluegrass Grammy nominee, Tim O'Brien, master of the uilleann pipes, Paddy Keenan, and Celtic bluegrass band, Téada.

May 4-7, the 24th annual **Tejano Conjunto Festival** is at San Antonio's Rosedale Park, 340 Dartmouth St.; 210/271-3151 (www.GuadalupeCulturalArts.org) and will feature 30 conjunto bands. Accompanying the festival are music workshops, exhibits, and films on conjunto, Apr. 30-May 7, at the Guadalupe Theater, 1301 Guadalupe St.

May 26-June 12, the 26th annual **Kerrville Folk Festival** is at Quiet Valley Ranch, nine miles south of Kerrville on TX 16; 830/257-3600 (www.kerrville-music.com). For tickets call 888/512-7469. Tent and RV camping is available. Other festival events include music-in-the-classroom teacher workshops, songwriters school, Hill Country bike rides, and Guadalupe River canoeing. Quiet Valley Ranch also hosts the annual **Kerrville Wine & Music Festival, Sept. 2-4**, with singer-songwriter shows and Texas wine tasting.

