

TEXAS HIGHWAYS--SONGWRITERS WWH--MALLORY

[NOTE A FEW BLANKS ON ARTISTS/DATES TO COME AS WE APPROACH PRESS TIME--could fact checker fill in the blanks?]

[ALSO, NOTE THAT UNDERLINED ITEMS ON THIS VERSION OF WWH HAVE CHANGES FROM THE LAST VERSION FAXED IN]

Hear some of the nation's top singer/songwriters at the following smoke-free, non-bar venues. Shows start early enough to get you home at a decent hour. Or if you're a night owl, stay after the show at house concerts and enjoy a jam session lasting into the wee hours. Most venues offer coffee, tea, juice, and dessert between musical sets. Meet the artists and buy their CDs and tapes. Most, if not all, of the ticket price or donation goes directly to the singer/songwriters. There's limited seating (especially for house concerts), so, when possible, make reservations early. Wheelchair accessible, unless otherwise noted. Call for details and directions. For advance notice of concerts, get on each venue's mailing list. Families welcome, but avoid bringing young children who might disrupt the attentive concert atmosphere.

LISTENING ROOMS

Uncle Calvin's Coffeehouse is located in Northpark Presbyterian Church at 9555 N. Central Expwy., Dallas 75225 (214/363-0044; e-mail, karentbb@aol.com). Shows every Fri at 8 p.m. Admission \$8 adults, \$2 under 12, free under 2. (No reservations) Upcoming shows include Jan. 16 Bob Franke, Jan. 23, Mary Melena and Mike Sumler, Jan. 30 Jana Stanfield and Richard Berman, Feb. 6 Robin and Linda Williams (\$12), Feb. 13 Megan Peters, Feb. 20 Bernice Lewis, and Feb. 27 Cosy Sheridan and John Smith.

Writers in the Round concert series hosts half a dozen shows per year at different locations in Houston. Jan. 23 presents Eric Taylor, Slaid Cleaves, and

Michael Smith at Main Street Theater at Chelsea Market Square, 2540 Times Blvd. March 20 brings Ray Wylie Hubbard with Mike Sumler at Main St. Theater. Advance tickets \$15 through Ticket Master 713/629-3700. Tickets are \$25 at the door. Students and children under 12 are \$10. Shows begin at 7:30. The **Women in the Round on the Road** series features four or five top women songwriters in summer concerts at various venues around Texas. For details on either series, contact Linda Lowe at 2540 Times Blvd., Houston 77005 (713/660-7500, e-mail , website www.hsound.com/witr/).

Urban Campfires features shows one Sat night a month at 7 at Lion's Field Adult Center, XXXXXXXXXX. Donations, \$10 adults, \$5 under 12. Upcoming shows: Jan. 17 Bob Franke, and Feb. _____. Contact Steve Wood or Jayne Clark, 116 E. French Pl., San Antonio 78212 (210/736-0987, e-mail jswood@txdirect.net, website www.flash.net/~gpilant).

Susanna's Kitchen is held in the Wimberley United Methodist Church at the intersection of Ranch Roads 12 and 1492. Concerts held third Thurs each month at 7:30. (Closed June through August) Donations typically \$5, under 12 free. Chuck Pyle performs Jan 16, and Jimmy LaFave plays Feb. 19. Contact Val Denn 3801 RR 12, suite 202, Wimberley 78676 (512/847-7161, e-mail valdenn@songs.com).

Piney Woods Pickin' Parlor is located in the old ballroom of the historic Beckham Hotel, 115 Commerce St., Mineola 75773 (903/569-0835, e-mail randyb@southside.com, website www.topchoice.com/~beckham/pwpptw.htm). Songwriters perform every Sat night at 8 p.m., with a major concert once a month. Tickets are \$6 for coffeehouse shows and \$12.50 for major concerts. Not wheelchair accessible. Upcoming shows include Jan. 17 _____, Feb. 7 Kevin So (\$12.50), Feb. 14 _____, Feb. 21 Joe and Theresa Brunelle, and Feb. 28 John Smith.

...AND MORE LISTENING ROOMS...

Belton Belton Acoustic Concerts 254/778-5440, e-mail

Rouse_House@mail.utexas.edu and indicate you're inquiring about Belton

Acoustic Series), Feb. _____

Clarksville Old Church Theatre 903/427-5334, Jan. 17 _____, Feb. 21 Steve James.

Coahoma Coahoma Community Concerts 915/394-4450, Feb. 1 Bill and Mary Muse

Dallas Downstairs Coffeehouse, 214/824-4531 ext. 110, Jan. 17 Buddy and Jule Miller, Feb. 20 Victoria Williams

Fort Stockton Annie Riggs Museum 915/336-2167 (summers only)

Fort Worth Jefferson Freedom Cafe 817/424-2727 (e-mail

sanderson@gamma.is.tcu.edu, website www.startext.net/homes/fjuuc/jfc.htm),

Jan. 18 Chuck Pyle and Tom Prasada-Rao, Feb. _____

Houston Houston Folk Society 2nd Saturday Concerts 281/347-3235 or 281/495-2923, Feb. 14 Bryan Bowers, and Mar. 14 Ed Miller and Norman Kennedy

Houston Sand Mountain Concerts 713/864-9770, Feb. 20 Steve Seskin

Jacksonville Roland's Next Door 903/586-7501, Jan. 17 Esmerelda and the Fosdick Brothers, Feb. 21 Bernice Lewis

The Woodlands Millbend Coffeehouse 281/350-3052, Jan. 18 Bob Franke, Feb. 7 Charlie King, Feb. 14 _____

Waco Waldo's Coffeehouse 254/753-6920 (closed summers), Feb. 6

HOUSE CONCERTS

Rouse House Concerts, held one Sat night per month at 7:30, are hosted by Bruce and Liz Rouse in their home at 10219 Willfield Dr., Austin 78752 (512/837-2333, e-mail Rouse_House@mail.utexas.edu, website

www.pe.utexas.edu/~brouse/home.htm). Donations, typically \$7. Upcoming shows feature Michael Smith Jan. 24-25, and Steve Seskin Feb. 21.

Acoustic Concert Tours is in the home of Tom Noe and Linda Silas, located just outside Dallas at 4030 N. Texas 78, Wylie 75098 (972/442-5232, e-mail tomnoe@compuserve.com). Shows, held approximately once a month, are normally on Sat nights at 8 with a \$8 donation at the door. Jan. 22 Michael Smith performs, then Feb. 7 it's Heidi Muller, and Feb. 21 Chuck Brodsky.

...AND MORE HOUSE CONCERTS...

Bryan/College Station Welcome Home Concerts of College Station 409/693-0614 (e-mail kayaker@tamu.edu, website www.flash.net/~nona1/concerts.html), Feb. 21 Shawn Phillips

Brenham Flowers In The Desert House Concerts 409/836-6088 (e-mail music@houseconcerts.com, website www.houseconcerts.com for this and other house concerts), Feb. 8 Heidi Muller, and Mar. 8 L.J. Booth

Dallas North Dallas House Concerts 972/644-3734 (email txsfolk@anet-dfw.com, website www.anet-dfw.com/~txsfolk)

Midland Swallow House Concerts 915/685-1175 (after 5), Jan. _____, Feb. _____.

There are also clubs, gourmet coffee shops, book stores, and college coffeehouses which feature new folk singer/songwriters. Watch local media show dates. Or try these websites for shows and information on listening rooms, house concerts, and singer/songwriters: National Online Music Alliance at www.songs.com, Folk Book at www.folkmusic.org, and Folk Venue at www.hidwater.com/folkvenue/folkv.html.

See dozens of the best singer/songwriters at the 27th annual **Kerrville Folk Festival**, May 21-June. 7. For information write Box 1466, Kerrville 78029 (830/257-3600, website www.kerrville-music.com). The festival hosts a "how-to"

seminar for music fans interested in starting a listening room or house concert. It also puts out a 400-page Kerrville Directory with details on acoustic music venues, festivals, and retailers.

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