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STAKES ARE HIGH FOR THE 2007 GRASSY HILL, KERRVILLE NEW FOLK COMPETITION

KERRVILLE, TEXAS---Serious songwriters across America have been holding their collective breath for the announcement of the 32 Grassy Hill, Kerrville New Folk Finalists for 2007. Eight Hundred entries were accepted this year for this prestigious contest and of those, 32 writer-performers will travel from locations throughout North America and Canada to be named one of the six award winners.

Each contestant will perform two original songs in a live competition that's divided into two afternoon lineups, running from 12:00pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27, 2007. Established at the suggestion of Peter Yarrow in 1972, the Kerrville New Folk Competition will take place in the newly renovated Threadgill Theater on the Quiet Valley Ranch, nine miles south of the Texas Hill Country resort community of Kerrville.

In the intensely competitive music business, New Folk contestants know that winning or standing out in this contest can help move their careers to a higher level, in addition to giving them serious bragging rights. Many major-label artists such as Lyle Lovett, Steve Earle, Nanci Griffith and Shawn Colvin experienced a surge in their early careers after participating in the Kerrville New Folk competition. At the 2007 Kerrville Folk Festival alone, 27 of the 100+ performers are former New Folk finalists or winners. With so much at stake, sweaty palms, backstage pacing and tears of joy and disappointment are common among the competitors.

New Folk contestants consistently deliver the performance of a lifetime. It's no wonder audiences and music presenters are devoted to these popular New Folk concerts, held each year on Memorial Day Weekend as one of the highlights of the annual 18-day Kerrville Folk Festival celebration.

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Six NEW FOLK WINNERS will be selected by judges Jonathan Byrd, Johnsmith, and Cosy Sheridan from the thirty-two finalists and they will return on Sunday, June 3 to perform 20 minutes of their original songs. Prizes for the six Award Winners will include a total of \$450 from the **Texas Folk Music Foundation, Vic and Reba Heyman** and the **Jim Ross Memorial Fund**, as well as a year's subscription or renewal to Performing Songwriter Magazine, an InTellitouch Tuner from On-Board Research, a Kyser capo, and a set of Elixir Guitar Strings.

This year's contest is sponsored in part by Grassy Hill Radio, streaming the best in folk/acoustic music over the Internet. The two-day line-up for the 2007 New Folk Competition for Emerging Songwriters is as follows:

12 Noon – 3 PM SATURDAY, MAY 26 (in order of appearance) AT THREADGILL THEATER

Danny Schmidt (Austin TX)	Storyhill (Boseman MT)
Datri Bean (Austin TX)	Anthony de Costa (Pleasantville NY)
Kate Klim (Somerville MA)	Michael McGarrah (Phoenix AZ)
David Llewellyn (Nashville TN)	Chuck E Costa (New Haven CT)
Porter Davis (Austin TX)	Donal Hinely (Springfield TN)
Noah Earle (Hallsville MO)	Dave Potts (Auburn AL)
Scott & Michelle Dalziel (Maquoketa IA)	Lindsay Mac (Cambridge MA)
Raina Rose (Portland OR)	Jan Smith (Afton VA)

12 Noon – 3 PM, SUNDAY, MAY 27 (in order of appearance) AT THREADGILL THEATER

Carla Grover (Richmond KY)	Laura Zucker (Laffayette CA)
Owen Temple (Madison WI)	Pat Victor (Brooklyn NY)
KC Clifford (Oklahoma City OK)	Emily Kurn (Anchorage AK)
Antsy McClain (Antioch TN)	Eric Hansen (Tucson AZ)
Ray Younkin (Houston TX)	Edie Carey (Boston MA)
Wil Maring (Cobden IL)	Derek Aramburu (Cypress TX)
Siobhan Quinn & Michael Bowers (Alexandria VA)	Elana Arian (New York NY)
Kevin McGee (Lexington SC)	John Wort Davis (Ft Macleod, Alberta Canada)

The Grassy Hill, Kerrville New Folk Concerts are included in the admission tickets for Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27. For the complete lineup, schedule of events, tickets, camping and other information, check out the festival website at www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com or call (830) 257-3600. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$35 depending on the particular day, although you can save from 20% to 35% by purchasing your tickets in advance. Parking fees are \$3 per day per vehicle at the gate or \$2 in advance.

Hi res. photos of selected festival performers, along with press credential request form, and copies of all press releases are available www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com/kff07_media.htm.