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## 2009 KERRVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

KERRVILLE, Texas - - - The Kerrville Folk Festival at Quiet Valley Ranch, nine miles South of the Texas Hill Country resort community of Kerrville, has announced an exciting 2009 festival schedule for its 38<sup>th</sup> annual event. Once again this legendary songwriter's festival will run for 18 straight days, from Thursday, May 21 through Sunday, June 7, 2009.

This year's talent-packed festival lineup includes Kerrville Folk Festival newcomers such as Norton Buffalo & Friends (May 21), Rich DelGrosso (May 29), Butch Morgan (May 31), Jaime Michaels (May 24), David Llewellyn (May 25), and Kevin Connolly (June 6). There's also an impressive list of artists returning after a hiatus including, among others, Tish Hinojosa (June 5), The Folk Brothers: Jack Hardy & David Massengill (May 22), The Limelitters (May 29), Berkley Hart (May 24), Michael Hearn & SxSW (June 5), and Cliff Eberhardt (May 25).

Of course the talent doesn't stop there... the Kerrville Folk Festival will once again present diverse audience favorites such as Ruthie Foster (June 7), Terri Hendrix (May 30), Guy Forsyth (May 23), the Austin Lounge Lizards (May 22), Trout Fishing in America (May 29), Ray Wylie Hubbard (May 31), Johnsmith (May 30), Shake Russell Trio (June 5), Band of Heathens (May 24), Ellis Paul (May 29), Kevin Welch (May 21), Jimmy LaFave (May 23), Peter Yarrow (May 23), Susan Gibson (May 21), Bruce Robison (May 30), Shake Russell (June 5), Susan Gibson (May 21), Ellis Paul (May 29), Shelley King (May 25), and Walt & Tina Wilkins (May 24) along with dozens of other renowned artists.

As usual, the 2009 Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Competition for emerging songwriters will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday of the festival (May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>), from noon to 3:00 pm. From the 800 entries, 32 finalists will be selected to perform in this prestigious annual competition, hosted by Steve Gillette. Several former New Folk finalists and winners are on this year's festival line-up including BettySoo, KC Clifford, Karen Mal, Chris O'Brien, Hans York, Joe Jencks, Tom Prasada-Rao, RJ Cowdery, Drew Nelson, Devon Sproule, and Jonathan Byrd just to name a few.

Held each year since 1972, the Kerrville Folk Festival is the longest continuously running festival of its kind in North America. Over the years it has become known internationally as a Mecca for singer songwriters of varying musical styles... a place where those just beginning to develop their skills have the opportunity to play their music along side those who are masters. Emerging songwriters as well as teachers are drawn to the festival's many learning opportunities, such as the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual

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Songwriters School, the Roots / Blues Guitar Workshop, Harmonica Workshop and the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Program for Teachers, to name just a few.

The entire weekend of May 29 – 31 will be broadcast live on Sirius XM Satellite Radio, XM 15 The Village, hosted by Mary Sue Twohy

There's truly something for everyone at this festival, from camping, campfire jam sessions, concerts and activities for kids, "Ballad Tree" song sharing sessions, Hill Country bike rides and canoe trips on the Guadalupe to Sunday Folk Song Services, Saturday Shabbat Services and much more. This is one musical celebration that *must* not be missed! A complete festival schedule, information and tickets can be found at [www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com](http://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com) or by calling the festival office at (830) 257-3600. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$35 depending on the particular day, although you can save from 20% to 30% by purchasing your tickets in advance. Parking fees are \$3 per day per vehicle.

The Kerrville Folk Festival is owned by the Texas Folk Music Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization that is dedicated to the support of emerging songwriters and folk music in all its forms.

**Hi resolution photos of selected festival performers, along with press credential request form, and copies of all press releases will be available soon at [www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com/kff09\\_media.htm](http://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com/kff09_media.htm).**