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18TH ANNUAL KERRVILLE WINE & MUSIC FESTIVAL- LABOR DAY WEEKEND

KERRVILLE, TEXAS - The 2009 Kerrville Wine & Music Festival is coming up during Labor Day Weekend, September 4 – 6. This annual celebration of songwriters and Texas Wines will be held at the Quiet Valley Ranch, 9 miles south of the Texas Hill Country resort community of Kerrville on TX Hwy 16.

Not a typical “wine tasting” event, this 3-day festival is mostly about music and will feature three 6-hour evening concerts and two 2-hour afternoon concerts with over 2 dozen singer-songwriters. There will also be 3:30–5:30 PM wine seminars on both Saturday and Sunday. The performers for the Friday evening concert include **Brian Ashley Jones** (Nashville TN), **Chip Dolan & Marvin Dykhaus** (Austin TX), **Don Conoscenti** (Taos NM), **Los Texmaniacs** (San Antonio TX), and **Karen Abrahams** (Austin TX). Saturday’s evening concert line-up consists of **Greg Trooper** (New York NY), **Michael McNevin** (Fremont CA), **Stonehoney** (Austin TX), **Baskery** (Stockholm Sweden), and **Eclectica** (USA). The Sunday night closing set will feature **The Sickers** (Austin TX), **Bob Livingston** (Austin TX), **The Ginn Sisters** (Austin TX), **Thad Beckman** (Portland OR), and **Fred Eaglesmith** (Port Dover ONT, Canada). Each of the evening concerts start at 7 PM with the outdoor theater gates opening at 6 PM.

We are excited about this year’s musical line-up and feel that it covers just about everyone’s musical tastes. We’ve got some Alt-Country with Austin’s **Stonehoney**, Tex-Mex R&R with San Antonio’s **Los Texmaniacs**, Americana harmonies with Austin’s **Ginn Sisters** and Funk-Jam music from **Eclectica**.

We are also thrilled about the return of some of our Kerrville favorites like **Don Conoscenti** (Taos NM), **Thad Beckman** (Portland OR), **Karen Abrahams** (Austin TX), **Michael McNevin** (Fremont CA), and **Bob Livingston** (Austin TX).

The Saturday afternoon concert will feature two outstanding acts, **Abi Tapia** (Housatonic MA) and **Big Wide Grin**. The Sunday afternoon concert will feature finalists and/or winners from the Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Competition for Emerging Songwriters in an In-The-Round format including **Joe Crookston** (Ithaca NY), **Rebecca Loebe** (Atlanta GA), **Ben Mallott** (Austin TX), **Louise Mosrie** (Nashville TN), and **Tom Neilson** (Greenfield MA). Both afternoon concerts will start at 1 p.m. at the Threadgill Memorial Theater in the Quiet Valley Ranch campgrounds.

Yes, we’ll also have wine! The goal for the wine portion of the program is to send guests home with a greater understanding and appreciation for the wines of Texas. In recent years wines from Texas have compared favorably to those from France, California and the rest of the world. After 6 p.m. each evening, ten Texas wineries will have booths in the main stage theater where they will have tastes, glasses, and bottles of their current vintage available for sale.

There are also Wine Seminars held on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. The theme for the Saturday afternoon wine seminar will be “Texas Port”, and the Sunday theme will be “Vintner’s Choice – Texas Reds”. Each of the seminars will begin at 3:30 p.m. on both Saturday, Sept 5 and Sunday, Sept 6 and

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will be held in the newly renovated Threadgill Theater in the Quiet Valley Ranch campgrounds. The advance price for each seminar is \$7 per person in addition to your festival admission. Once the festival starts, any remaining seats will be available in the main stage theater for \$10 each.

A wide range of food and beverages are available in the theater and the campgrounds. We also have Arts & Crafts booths, escorted hill country bike rides, and like the Kerrville Folk Festival in the spring, the spectacular after-hours song circles and jam sessions in the campgrounds.

The three-day, Labor Day weekend advance discount adult ticket price is \$75 and includes free tent camping on the ranch. Single-day, advance discounted tickets are \$24 for Friday, \$28 for Saturday and \$28 for Sunday. Tickets are available by calling the festival office at (830) 257-3600 or on-line at www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com. Parking at the Quiet Valley Ranch is \$3 per vehicle per day.

A complete schedule of events, performer line-up and tickets for the festival as well as information on seminars, performers, camping, arts & crafts vending, RV sites and local accommodations can be found by visiting www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com or by calling the festival office at (830) 257-3600. You can also e-mail the festival office at info@kerrville-music.com.

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