

a wife to songwriter Josh Grider, a member of the THMF Music Connection, and graduate of Tivy High School at one time. Her sister Staci has been recording and singing for a long time and the duo of sisters is a beautiful addition to our event. How do you listen to sisters? How do you hear challenges?

Lee Duffy has been a stand for songwriters in Austin through the ASG, and I have had the fortune of presenting on creativity at the January conference in Austin. What a joy to meet all these songwriters so committed to their own creativity. And Lee has given them a chance to learn about the "business." I met her after she worked with Merle Haggard, interviewed her as a woman returning to the music business in my second book, and continue to be inspired by her passion for the writer!! And yes, she writes.

Mary Muse, a member of The Muses with husband Bill, is now director of the Kerrville Folk Music Foundation. She and her husband have played a tribute to the songwriter each year at the Texas Heritage Music Day. Now she is using her many talents to shepherd a Texas treasure, The Kerrville Folk Festival, into a new future.

This is my tribute to the spirit of women (and you know I also appreciate the men!). In communication theory, women communicate horizontally for relatedness, while men communicate vertically for power (Deborah Tannen). Yes, we are different. Dalis Allen, producer of the Kerrville Folk Festival, and I have speculated on what we have chosen to do that keeps us working late at night, using both sides of our brain, and ongoingly digging for deeper resources. We even went to a late movie one night after a long day at work, sharing our stories. Here's to the women of Texas music!

The next issue will follow up after the tour with interviews and 'stories from the road'.

Be sure to join us at the Kerrville Fall Music Festival Labor Day weekend. We have a great line up of our favorite songwriters, and a few new bands to put on your 'follow' list. Our Music Camp for teens will be featured in a concert on Saturday afternoon at the Threadgill Theater at 1PM and a New Folk in the Round on Sunday afternoon at 1PM. Tom Meny from the 2015 Award Winners will be joined in concert by Drew Kennedy a 2015 Finalist, J Wagner 2012 and Katie Gosnell 2014.



Katie Gosnell

A full schedule and information about camping and everything else we know you need to know is on our website kerrvillefolkfestival.org

You can talk to real people at 830/257-3600.

Thanks for reading about the Kerrville Folk Festival in the Heart Beat of the Texas Hill Country!

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