



# THE KERRVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL 46 YEARS AND COUNTING By Dalis Allen

**T**he Kerrville Folk Festival 46th annual Festival is May 25 - June 11, 2017, continuing in the tradition of presenting original, excellent songwriters from around the world. The Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk competition concerts are our way of discovering 32 new ones every year. These concerts are on Saturday May 27 and Sunday May 28. The 32 Finalists will perform the 2 songs they were chosen for at the Threadgill Theater for a panel of 3 judges, Amy Speace, Jeff Black and Dan Navarro. The 6 Award Winners will perform in concert on Sunday June 4th.

Our 2016 New Folk Award Winners did a series of concerts around the country since winning at the Festival and showcased at the International Folk Alliance Conference in Kansas City in February. The interaction between the artists is stellar and a great deal of Fun.

SO.....we are presenting all six Award Winners on Mainstage for the 2017 Festival on June 9th. This is only the second time we have featured a round of all six at the Kennedy Theater. The artists are Rachel Laven (San Antonio TX), Joe Shields (Alto, MI), Emily Scott Robinson (Chattanooga, TN), Adie Brownlee (Brooklyn, NY), Ben de la Cour (Nashville, TN), Justin Farren (Sacramento, CA).

**First Weekend** (Thursday, May 25 - Sunday, May 28) Billy Crockett Trio, Trout Fishing in America, The Riffers, Shake Russell & Michael Hearne, Del Barber, Kenny White, Cheryl Wheeler, Brother Sun, Jonathan Byrd & the Pickup Cowboys, Cosy Sheridan, Ter-

ri Hendrix, Suzie Vinnick, The Peterson Brothers, The Railhouse Band.

**Second Weekend** (Friday, June 2 - Sunday, June 4) Kathy Mattea, The Don Juans, Tom Paxton, Roy Book Binder, Rev Robert B Jones, Harpeth Rising, The Stray Birds, Johnny Nicholas, Los Texmaniacs, Drew Nelson w Madcat Ruth, Ryanhood, James Hill.

**Third Weekend** (Friday, June 9 - Sunday, June 11) Guy Clark & Townes Van Zandt Remembrance Weekend - Radney Foster, Eric Taylor, Buddy Mondlock, The Welch Family w/ Warren Hood, Verlon Thompson, High Plains Jamboree, Claudia Nygaard, Melissa Greener, Wood & Wire, New Folk in the Round.

Check out <http://www.kerrville-music.com>.

In addition to the concerts we have schools and workshops for Songwriters, Blues Guitar, Harmonica and Ukulele Faculties and they are ready to accept registrants.

Tickets are still at a discount so just go to <http://www.kerrville-music.com> and click on BUY TICKETS and join us for the 2017 Kerrville Folk Festival!!!

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