



THE KERRVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL 46 YEARS AND COUNTING

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Celebrating Songwriters and the art of songwriting once again for 18 straight days at Quiet Valley Ranch! If you have been with us thus far you know how much fun we have been having.

AND we still have almost two weeks left of the 2017 Festival through June 11.

Before Festival even started we were hosting events in Austin with 16 artists during SXSW, the Saxon Pub with B Sterling and Shake Russell & Michael Hearne and at Johnny Nicholas ' Hilltop Café with Johnny, South Austin Moonlighters and Los Texmaniacs. Both Johnny Nicholas and Los Texmaniacs will be playing on Saturday June 3rd.

We have grieved together over the news of Jimmy LaFave's cancer and held each other a little more tightly and remembered to say I love you a lot more.

We have celebrated the Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Award Winners for 2017 and are looking forward to their concert on Sunday June 4th from Noon to 3PM.

We are celebrating another great festival that happens in Fischer Texas in November called, whoa! Fischer Fest! Join us on Monday June 5th from 7 - 9PM to listen to three of the great songwriters that they featured at their last year's fest, Michael O'Connor, Susan Gibson and Walt Wilkins.

Rex Foster another Hill Country treasure is presenting his project 'The Lost Recordings' on Tuesday June 6 from 7 - 9PM at our Threadgill Theater. These weekday shows just can't be beat; home before 10PM!



Songwriter Rex Foster

And speaking again of Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk, all six of our 2016 Award Winners will open the show on Friday June 8. Rachel Laven (she plays in Kerrville quite regularly), Addie Brownlee, Emily Scott Robinson, Ben de la Cour, Joe Shields and Justin Farren.

June 9 and 10 bring us back around to celebrating two of the greatest songwriters ever, Guy Clark and Townes VanZandt. All of the artists featured on these nights knew one or both of them personally and will tell their stories and sing their praises in song.

And so will bring to an end year 46 of the Kerrville Folk Festival, closing as always with our anthem 'Heal in the Wisdom' written by Bobby Bridger and led this year by his son Gabe Bridger.

July brings our Music Camp for Teens in collaboration with Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Texas.

The Kerrville Fall Music Festival is Labor Day weekend September 1 -3, 2017. Schedule will be online at www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org

Thanks for reading about the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas Heart Beat Magazine.