



# NEWS FROM THE FESTIVAL

## NEW FOLK WINNERS & FOLK ALLIANCE

By Dalis Allen

The ending of a year and the beginning of the new one brings so many choices of how to move forward in life, how to look at what, where, when, how, who we choose going forward. I feel this acutely on a personal level and also in my position as Producer of the Kerrville Folk Festival. Right now is the prime time for booking the artists that will play in 2018 and opening the submissions for the Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Competition to find new songwriters from around the world. I am indeed fortunate to have this career and I know it. I am grateful every day!

We finished up our New Folk Tour with the 6 Award Winners from 2017 in November. It was a stellar group of artists that became great friends along the way.

We are once again going to have Kerrville on the Road tours in Texas in April and May to announce the

upcoming Festival line-up. The locations and artists will be updated on our website along with the updates of artists playing the Festival May 24 - June 10, 2018. <http://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org>

A few names confirmed already are John Gorka, Amilia Spicer, Mary Gauthier, Steve Seskin and The Accidentals. Hope to confirm All Our Exes Live in Texas, an Australian group of 4 women who bring great four part harmonies to the stage. Will be a fun addition.

The Folk Alliance International Conference is once again in Kansas City in February and several of us will be attending to continue discovering great new artists to present at the Festival.

All of the folks at the Festival send their wishes to all of you for a Beautiful Holiday Season!!!

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

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