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Festival in Austin and Kerrville honors Jimmie Rodgers' 100th birthday

By RHONDA REINHART Staff writer

Texas music - two words that speak volumes. It is not country, blues, rock or jazz, but a class all its own. Texas music is written for Texans by Texans.

In an effort to preserve the traditions of Texas music, the Texas Heritage Music Foundation will be holding its annual Texas Heritage

Music Festival this weekend. The four-day event starts with a kick-off party in Austin Thursday night and continues in

Kerrville Friday through Sunday. This year's festival is a celebration of what would have been Jimmie Rodgers' 100th birthday. Rodgers is considered the father of country music, and his influence is evident in the works of musicians from Texas and other parts of the country.

Recently Bob Dylan released a tribute album containing 14 of Rodgers' songs with guest artists including Van Morrison, Aaron Neville and Mary Chapin-Carpenter.

Glen Alyn, a Texas poet, writer and musician who has been performing at the Texas Heritage Music Festival for about six years, said the festival is something he looks forward to every year.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "It's charming and refreshing. It's like a breath of fresh air in the Alyn said he enjoys going to the festival be-

cause everyone involved in it really respects the The Texas Heritage Music Foundation is made

up entirely of volunteers.

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Kathleen Hudson, foundation director and

an English professor at Schreiner College in Kerrville, said the volunteers offer their services because they know what they do is unique.

'Telling stories and singing songs make a difference," she said. "We are a grass roots organization, not a bunch of people trying to figure out how to get on the radio.

Hudson said she is interested in Texas music because it has a rough edge to it.

"Texas music is not really slick and commercially-oriented," she said. "It's original, unique and it breaks new ground. Texas musicians are really passionate about what they do. They're passionate folks doing exactly what they want to do."

She said Texas music gives listeners a sense they are connect-

ing to the people who are performing it. It's like a breath of fresh air in the country." **GLEN ALYN** Texas poet, writer

and musician Hughes, member of the office staff at the Foundation, agrees there is a special bond between listeners

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and performers of Texas music. The spirit, the writing, the subjects of the

writing and the personal stories make Texas music special," she said. "Texans think of themselves as special people - more rugged and enduring."

She said musicians from Texas have brough more of the outlaw spirit and the wildness people associate with the state to other styles of music.

Alvn said Texas music has more of a frontier bite to it than other music.

'I'm really glad to be a part of the Texas music tradition," he said. "There is a lot of variety and a lot of influences from different cultures in Texas music.

Alyn said one of the goals of the festival is to help edify people on the influence Texas music has had on the state, the United States and the world.

Events at the festival will include education exhibits beginning with a focus of Texas heritage on Friday, a fiddling contest on Saturday and a scholarship fundraiser on Sunday.

The Wayne Kennemer Scholarship fund is named for a Texas musician who was killed in an automobile accident in September 1992.

Willie Nelson and Little Joe Y La Familia will be headlining the benefit, and all proceeds from the fundraiser will go to a student interested in studying some aspect of music.

Texas has produced a wide variety of musicians, including Janis Joplin, Ernest Tubb and Buddy Holly. Even though their musical styles do not share many similarities, their Texas heritage gives them a common bond.

Alyn said where you grow up is what makes you who you are.

"Texas music reflects the natural environment," he said. "Music was originally there to preserve the culture of people, the history and emotional content of people's lives and the paradoxes that occur in life.

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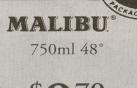
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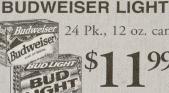
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