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2007 KERRVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

KERRVILLE, Texas - - - The Kerrville Folk Festival at Quiet Valley Ranch, nine miles South of the Texas Hill Country resort community of Kerrville, has announced an exciting 2007 festival schedule for its 36th annual event. Once again this legendary songwriter's festival will run for 18 straight days, from Thursday, May 24 through Sunday, June 10, 2007.

Festival Producer Dalis Allen is pleased to announce the return of Judy Collins to the festival. Last appearing here in 2003, Judy Collins has thrilled audiences worldwide with her unique blend of interpretative folksongs and contemporary themes. Her impressive career has spanned more than 40 years. Judy will be performing on Saturday, June 2.

Another special treat for 2007 will be a reunion of the Lost Gonzo Band. Founding members Bob Livingston and Gary P Nunn will be joined by Texas musical greats and former Gonzos John Inmon, Lloyd Maines, Paul Percy, and others in what will surely be a wonderful night of Texas style jams. The Lost Gonzo Band Reunion will perform on Sunday, June 3.

This year's talent-packed festival lineup includes Kerrville Folk Festival newcomers such as James Hand on May 24th, Dave Crossland on June 3 as well as AJ Croce on May 27. There's also an impressive list of artists returning after a long hiatus, including - among others - Jonathan Edwards (June 1th), John Gorka (May 28th), and Susan Werner (also May 28th).

Of course the talent doesn't stop there... the Kerrville Folk Festival will once again present diverse audience favorites such as Ruthie Foster (June 9th), Terri Hendrix (June 2nd), Peter Yarrow (May 26), Vance Gilbert (May 27) Trout Fishing in America (June 3rd), Sara Hickman (May 27) Ian Moore (May 24th), The Laws (May 25), Patrice Pike (June 8th), Johnsmith (May 26) and Jimmy LaFave (May 26th), along with dozens of other renowned artists.

As usual, the 2007 Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Competition for emerging songwriters will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday of the festival (May 26th and 27th), from noon to 3:00 pm. From the 800 entries, 32 finalists will be selected to perform in this prestigious annual competition, hosted by Steve Gillette. Several former New Folk finalists and winners are on this year's festival line-up including Jonathan Byrd, Jud Caswell, Antje Duvokot, Diana Jones, Eric Schwartz, Cosy Sheridan, Small Potatoes, Corinne West, Drew Nelson, Colin Brooks and Gordy Quist from the Band of Heathens, Jason Spooner, and Amy Speace

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Held each year since 1972, the Kerrville Folk Festival is the longest continuously running festival of its kind in North America. Over the years it has become known internationally as a Mecca for singer songwriters of varying musical styles... a place where those just beginning to develop their skills have the opportunity to play their music along side those who are masters. Emerging songwriters as well as teachers are drawn to the festival's many learning opportunities, such as the 27th Annual Songwriters School, the Roots / Blues Guitar Workshop, harmonica workshop and the 6th Annual Professional Development Program for Teachers, to name just a few.

There's truly something for everyone at this festival, from camping, campfire jam sessions, concerts and activities for kids, "Ballad Tree" song sharing sessions, Hill Country bike rides and canoe trips on the Guadalupe to Sunday Folk Song Services, Saturday Shabbat Services and much more. This is one musical celebration that *must* not be missed! A complete festival schedule, information and tickets can be found at www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com or by calling the festival office at (830) 257-3600. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$35 depending on the particular day, although you can save from 20% to 35% by purchasing your tickets in advance. Parking fees are \$3 per day per vehicle at the gate or \$2 in advance.

Hi resolution photos of selected festival performers, along with press credential request form, and copies of all press releases are available at www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com/media.htm.