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2010 KERRVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED.
INDIGO GIRLS FIRST APPEARANCE AT KERRVILLE!

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 2010 festival schedule for its 39th annual event. Once again this legendary songwriter's festival will run for 18 straight days, from Thursday, May 27 through Sunday, June 13, 2010.

Festival Producer Dalis Allen is pleased to announce the first ever Kerrville Festival appearance of INDIGO GIRLS. Hot on the release of their latest album "Poseidon and the Bitter Bug" and writers/performers of such hits as "Closer to Fine" and "Galileo", the Indigo Girls (Amy Ray & Emily Saliers) came into prominence as part of the late-'80s folk singer/songwriter revival, and had staying power where other artists from the same era quickly faded. Their two-women-with-guitars formula may not have seemed very revolutionary on paper, but the combination of two distinct personalities and songwriting styles provided tension and an interesting balance. We are thrilled to have them this year. Indigo Girls will be performing on Sunday, May 30 (Memorial Day Eve).

In addition to Indigo Girls, this year's talent-packed festival lineup includes Kerrville Folk Festival newcomers such as Big Wide Grin (May 27), Micky & the Motorcars (May 27), Eclectica (May 29), The Waymores (May 31), Brooks Williams (May 31), Seth Glier (June 5), Krista Detor (June 11), Marshall Ford Swing Band (June 13), the Flyin' A's (June 12), and Stonehoney (June 13). There's also an impressive list of artists returning after a hiatus including, among others, Brave Combo (May 31), The Burns Sisters (May 29), Warren Hood (June 6), Katy Moffatt /Andrew Hardin (June 5), and Albert & Gage (June 13).

Of course the talent doesn't stop there... the Kerrville Folk Festival will once again present diverse audience favorites such as Randy Rogers (May 28), Terri Hendrix (May 30), Guy Forsyth (June 5), the Austin Lounge Lizards (May 27), Trout Fishing in America (June 5), Dana Cooper (June 13), Slaid Cleaves (June 12), Shake Russell Trio (June 8), Band of Heathens (June 11), Ellis Paul (May 31), Two High String Band (June 13), Jimmy LaFave (May 29), Peter Yarrow & Noel 'Paul' Stookey (June 5), Susan Gibson (June 11), Eric Taylor (May 31), Jack Williams (June 4), Chuck Pyle (June 11), Sara Hickman (May 28), Ronny Cox (June 4), Amy Speace (June 4), John Flynn (May 28), Greg Trooper (June 6), Kevin Connolly (June 6), and Walt Wilkins & the Mystiqueros (June 11) along with dozens of other renowned artists and songwriters.

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As usual, the 2010 Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Competition for emerging songwriters will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday of the festival (May 29th and 30th), from noon to 3:00 pm. From the 800 entries, 32 finalists have been selected to perform in this prestigious annual competition, hosted by Steve Gillette and Festival Founder Rod Kennedy. Several former New Folk finalists and winners are on this year's festival line-up including BettySoo, porterdavis, KC Clifford, Eric Schwartz, Danny Schmidt, Anthony daCosta, Jack Harris, Abi Tapia, Tom Prasada-Rao, Ernest Troost, Louise Mosrie, Rebecca Loebe, Raina Rose, Robby Hecht, and Jimmy LaFave just to name a few.

As an added treat in 2010, the Festival will be hosting the fifth MUSIC TO LIFE songwriting contest. Sponsored by Noel 'Paul' Stookey's Public Domain Foundation, this biannual event features a group of songwriter finalists who have been selected by a panel of celebrity judges to perform their songs dedicated to social or political issues of concern. Finalists typically each represent a different state from around the country and offer songs which speak to such issues as the emotion of children in foster care, the vitality of volunteers, and the brutal impact of war. This concert will be held the afternoon of June 5 with a winner chosen and will play with Peter Yarrow and Noel 'Paul' Stookey during that evening's mainstage set.

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 30th Annual Songwriters School, the Roots / Blues Guitar Workshop, Harmonica Workshop and the 9th Annual Professional Development Program for Teachers.

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 \$25 to \$40 depending on the particular day, although you can save from 15% to 25% by purchasing your tickets prior to May 22. Campground Access and Parking Lot fees are included in the ticket price.

The Kerrville Folk Festival is owned by the Texas Folk Music Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization that is dedicated to the support of emerging songwriters and folk music in all its forms.

Hi resolution photos of selected festival performers, along with press credential request form, and copies of all press releases will be available soon at www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com/kff10_media.htm.