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STAKES ARE HIGH FOR THE 2010 GRASSY HILL, KERRVILLE NEW FOLK COMPETITION

KERRVILLE, TEXAS---Serious songwriters across America have been holding their collective breath for the announcement of the 32 Grassy Hill, Kerrville New Folk Finalists for 2010. Eight Hundred entries were accepted this year for this prestigious contest and of those, 32 writer-performers will travel from locations throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Russia, Jamaica, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, and the United Kingdom to be named one of the six award winners.

Each contestant will perform two original songs in a live competition that's divided into two afternoon lineups, running from 12:00pm to 3:00 pm on Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30, 2010. Established at the suggestion of Peter Yarrow in 1972, the Kerrville New Folk Competition will take place in the newly renovated Threadgill Theater on the Quiet Valley Ranch, nine miles south of the Texas Hill Country resort community of Kerrville.

In the intensely competitive music business, New Folk contestants know that winning or standing out in this contest can help move their careers to a higher level, in addition to giving them serious bragging rights. Many major-label artists such as Lyle Lovett, Steve Earle, Nanci Griffith and Shawn Colvin experienced a surge in their early careers after participating in the Kerrville New Folk competition. At the 2010 Kerrville Folk Festival alone, 24 of the scheduled stage performers are former New Folk finalists or winners. With so much at stake, sweaty palms, backstage pacing and tears of joy and disappointment are common among the finalists.

New Folk contestants consistently deliver the performance of a lifetime. It's no wonder audiences and music presenters are devoted to these popular New Folk concerts, held each year on Memorial Day Weekend as one of the highlights of the annual 18-day Kerrville Folk Festival celebration.

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Six NEW FOLK AWARD WINNERS will be selected by judges Tom Prasada-Rao, Ronny Cox, and Susan Gibson from the thirty-two finalists and they will return on Sunday, June 6 to perform 20 minutes of their original songs. Prizes for the six Award Winners will include a total of \$450 from the **Texas Folk Music Foundation, Vic and Reba Heyman** and the **Jim Ross Memorial Fund**, as well as an InTellitouch Tuner from On-Board Research, a Kyser capo, and a set of Elixir Strings.

This year's contest is sponsored in part by Grassy Hill Radio, streaming the best in folk/acoustic music over the Internet. The two-day line-up for the 2010 New Folk Competition for Emerging Songwriters is as follows:

12 Noon – 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 29 Threadgill Theater (in order of appearance)

Saturday, Set 1

Cassie Peterson (Nashville TN)
Daniel Makins (San Angelo TX)
Terry Holder (Olympia WA)
John Batdorf (West Hills CA)
Chris O'Brien (Somerville MA)
Annie & Rod Capps (Chelsea MI)
Leanne Atherton (Austin TX)
Angela Easterling (Taylors SC)

Saturday, Set 2

Alex Woodard (San Diego CA)
Kate Klim (Boston MA)
Neal Katz (Tyler TX)
Blair Bodine (Ambler PA)
Wyatt Easterling (Nashville TN)
Andrew Delaney (Dallas TX)
Ellen Tipper (Appleton ME)
Terry Penney (Lewisport NF, Canada)

12 Noon – 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 30 Threadgill Theater (in order of appearance)

Sunday, Set 1

Chet O'Keefe (Nashville TN)
Jen Cass (Bay City MI)
Dan Colehour (Nashville TN)
Claire Small (Austin TX)
Bobbie Lancaster (Bloomington IN)
Gretchen Witt (Brooklyn NY)
Michael Troy (Fall River MA)
Brad Boyer (Friendswood TX)

Sunday, Set 2

Joe Scutella (Nashville TN)
Jennifer Morrison (Sarasota FL)
Jon Brooks (King City ON, Canada)
Mai Bloomfield (Venice CA)
Sam Doores (New Orleans LA)
Kim Richardson (Mountain Home AR)
Andy Gullahorn (Nashville TN)
Lucas Ohio Pattie (Pleasanton CA)

The Grassy Hill, Kerrville New Folk Concerts are included in the admission tickets for Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30. For the complete lineup, schedule of events, tickets, camping and other information, check out the festival website at www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com or call (830) 257-3600. Daily ticket prices range from \$25 to \$40 depending on the particular day, although you can save from 15% to 25% by purchasing your tickets in advance. Parking lot and campground access fees are included in the ticket price.

Hi res. photos of selected festival performers, along with press credential request form, and copies of all press releases are available www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com/kff10_media.htm.