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IN TEXAS

MARCH 10 - 13, 2016



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Welcome to THE BEST LITTLE COWBOY GATHERING IN TEXAS

In what seems like 7 short years, The Best Little Cowboy Gathering In Texas has grown into the Texas premiere country and western swing dance music festival. Always held the second full weekend in March with three days of dance music on two stages and a Saturday lineup that doubles into a concert type event with options to sit and enjoy the music or get up and dance on our newly rented wood floor. Of the two stages, one is La Grange's famous dance hall built in 1923 with a beautiful wood floor and high roof for great acoustics. Now for these tickets, you need to act fast as the dance hall is closed after the first 500 reserve seats are sold. Our second stage is an outdoor pavilion that can be enclosed with vinyl sides if the weather requires it. For the first time this year, a wooden floor will be installed for all those that love to dance to good country western music. A typical lineup will include Darrell McCall, Tony Booth, Landon Dodd, Jody Nix, Rocky King, Jason Roberts, Jeff Woolsey, Jake Hooker, KR Wood, and many more country western artists. This year are happy to have Johnny Bush as one of the featured entertainers for the first time.

Saturday's activities at the main stage include: KR Wood - a spirited cowboy entertainer who joins us each year, The All Star Girl Band - two hours of beautiful harmonizing old western & country songs, Jody Nix Fiddle Extravaganza - Jody Nix becomes the band director over 6-8 fiddlers for a wonderful one hour special experience of classic fiddle songs, The Lake Travis Fiddlers - a super talented group of high school kids that will play western swing and old style hits, Billy Mata - the great country artist who plays Bob Wills music like no other, The All Star Girl Band will make a return to open for the legendary Johnny Bush to conclude the main stage entertainment. The event also includes a Bar-B-Q Cookoff, Horse Demonstrations, Dutch Oven Cooking Demonstrations, Arts & Crafts Vendors, Blacksmith Demonstrations, Stick Horse Rodeo. Great hamburgers are served up from the Fayette County Fair group. Catered meals for Friday & Saturday are also available with advance pre-sale purchase. Proceeds from the event benefit local area youth scholarships. Visit our wonderful website for a short 11 minute video tour, tickets prices and more details: www.bestlittlecowboygathering.org

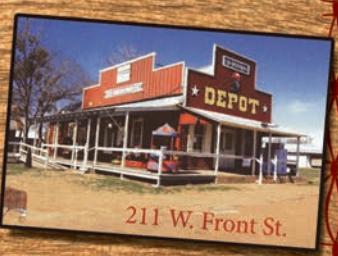


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★ Tim Spice Leads Dutch Oven Demo



Tim Spice is a dutch oven chef and has been cooking in dutch ovens since his youth. A conversationalist who really enjoys sharing his skill and delicious food. Dutch Oven Demonstrations start at 10 AM on Saturday.

Tim Spice is in education and outreach with Texas Parks & Wildlife, back home after a deployment in Iraq with the Army Reserves. He's an accomplished Dutch oven cook and will be sharing his expertise and recipes.

In the world of big cattle outfits, a cook was hired more for his ability to drive a chuck wagon pulled by a team of draft horses than for his cooking skills. Chances are that when he cooked, he used "Dutch ovens." These were cast-iron pots with lids that came in various sizes and could be used over an open fire. They were non-breakable and easy to transport.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016

DANCE HALL

3:00 PM	Rance Norton
7:00 PM	The Survivors (Darrel McCall, Tony Booth, Curtis Potter)

OUTSIDE STAGE

7:00 PM	Jeff Woolsey
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FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2016

Featuring Female Artist: Kristyn Harris

(Kristyn will join our other musical guests on stage for special performances throughout the weekend.

DANCE HALL

12:00 PM	Rocky King
4:00 PM	Jeff Woolsey
8:00 PM	Jake & Tommy Hooker

OUTSIDE STAGE

12:30 PM	Rance Norto
4:30 PM	Landon Dodd
8:30 PM	Jason Roberts

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

DANCE HALL

4:00 PM	Jody Nix
8:00 PM	Billy Mata



OUTSIDE STAGE

10:00 AM	KR Wood
11:00 AM	Kristyn Harris, Devon Dawson, Ginny Mac, Jean Prescott, & Brook Wallace, singing western theme type music.
1:30 PM	Jody Nix Fiddle Extravaganza
3:00 PM	Lake Travis Fiddlers
5:00 PM	Billy Mata
7:00 PM	Kristyn Harris, Devon Dawson, Ginny Mac, Jean Prescott, & Brook Wallace, performing more traditional country tunes and western swing music.
10:00 PM	Johnny Bush

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Russ was a Calf Roper in the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association for 13 years and also started the Race Track Chaplaincy of Texas. Kimmy Hudson spent much of her singing career leading worship at Rodeo Church services for the PRCA, IRA and Junior Rodeo Circuits in California and Colorado. Most currently she was one of the worship leaders with Russ at Shepherd Valley Cowboy Church.

Joining Russ and Kimmy will be the multi-talented western singers/musicians K.R. Wood, Mikki Daniel and Hailey Sandoz.

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★ Musical Entertainment



JOHNNY BUSH

This year we welcome legendary multi-hit recording artist Johnny Bush to The Best Little Cowboy Gathering In Texas. Bush, nicknamed the "Country Caruso," is best known for his

distinctive voice and as the writer of "Whiskey River," a top-ten hit for himself and Willie Nelson's signature song. Born John Bush Shinn III in the blue-collar neighborhood of Kashmere Gardens in Houston, Texas, Bush listened to the western swing music of Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys and the honky-tonk sounds of artists like Ernest Tubb, Lefty Frizzell and Hank Thompson. Thanks to a disc jockey uncle, Bush got a taste for performance. In 1952 he moved to San Antonio, Texas, where he began solo career in area honky-tonks like the Texas Star Inn before switching to drums. It was during this period that he earned his stage name, when an announcer mistakenly introduced him as "Johnny Bush." As a drummer he worked for bands like the Mission City Playboys, the Texas Plainsmen and the Texas Top Hands.



KRISTYN HARRIS

The Best Little Cowboy Gathering In Texas Featured Female Artist, Kristyn Harris is a singer/performer/entertainer from Texas, who is noted for her powerful vocals, solid swing rhythm guitar style, unique songwriting, award winning yodel, and captivating stage presence. In 2014 she

became the youngest person in history to receive the Western Music Association Female Performer of the Year, and was also awarded the 2013 Academy of Western Artists Western Female Performer of the Year. Kristyn brings an energetic and genuine style to her performances that makes her love of the music she performs evident and contagious.

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BILLY MATA & THE TEXAS TRADITION

Billy Mata is a veteran of over 40 years in the San Antonio music scene and is celebrating more than a quarter making music with his own band, The Texas Tradition. Two-time Academy Of Western Artists Western Swing Vocalist of the Year and winner of the Academy's Entertainer Of The Year award, Billy Mata delivers authentic western swing and true traditional country music through a 9 piece, Bob Wills/Asleep at the Wheel style orchestra.



JAKE HOOKER & THE OUTSIDERS WITH TOMMY HOOKER

It's always a treat to hear both Jake and Tommy Hooker playing out in the dance hall. These boys were born and raised with country music continuing a family tradition of playing good country western music. These two have a large devoted following. The obvious choice for the Friday night Cowgirl Ball, sponsored in part by Coors.



JODY NIX & THE TEXAS COWBOYS

A true fan favorite here at the gathering, Jody Nix. A true Traditional Country Music and Western Swing artist, he has been in the business 50 years. He has played dances and shows all over Texas and parts of the southwest. He leads one of the finest dance bands in Texas, they fill the floor on every song. If you listen to XM radio you will hear Jody and the Texas Cowboys on Willie's Place XM 13 where they are in heavy rotation. This has brought attention world wide for the band.



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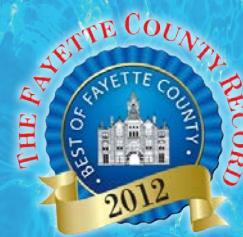
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KR WOOD

KR Wood is the only performer who has been invited to The Gathering all 7 years! Along with his band, Ginger Evans and Robert Herridge, they perform a set of old traditional cowboy songs that bring the Texas past to life. Noted singer, songwriter, guitarist and historian, KR Wood not only sings real deal country music but also breathes life to Texas history. Check out his new CD, *Cowboy Serenade*, available now!

RANCE NORTON

Growing up in small town Texas, Rance Norton has always had a love for traditional country music. At an early age, while his peers were listening to the new fad in popular music, Norton was listening to the likes of Ray Price, Johnny Bush, Faron Young, and Darrell McCall; just to name a few. Norton has opened for numerous Country Music legends. Rance Norton and the Cadillac Cowboys travel each weekend around the great state of Texas performing at various dancehalls and festivals helping to keep the traditional honky-tonk country sound of Texas music alive.

ROCKY KING BAND

Playing traditional country and western swing music, The Rocky King Band makes country music king. Rocky King was exposed to music greats at an early age and has continued the tradition. Joined by Michael Polasek on drums, Scott Moon on fiddle, Kenny Grohman on steel guitar and Duane Wavra on bass, this group is sure to get you dancing!

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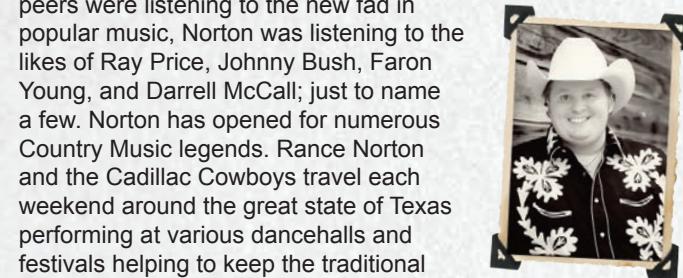
JASON ROBERTS

Jason's professional music career started early and by age 15, he had played with Western Swing legends like Johnny Gimble, Leon Rausch, Bobby Boatwright, Herb Remington, Buck Roberts (his grandfather and a fellow Hall of Famer), and others members of Bob Wills' Texas Playboys. Before forming the Jason Roberts Band, Roberts joined Asleep at the Wheel in 1994 and has toured with Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Ray Price, and Van Morrison. Roberts has logged hundreds of thousands of miles, performing everywhere from the White House and The David Letterman Show to the Kennedy Center and Bob Wills' hometown of Turkey, Texas.



LAKE TRAVIS FIDDLERS

Joining us once again, The Lake Travis Fiddlers, a talented group of young musicians from Lake Travis ISD. They are sure to entertain by playing music such as San Antonio Rose, Faded Love, Cotton-Eyed Joe and much more. The group consists of violinists, guitarists, mandolin and horn players, an electric bassist, and a drummer.



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DEVON DAWSON



Hailing from Fort Worth, Texas, Miss Devon is a top entertainer in western music, and has been recognized by the Academy of Western Artists as the Female Performer of the Year 2009. She's noted for her vintage sock-rhythm guitar style, and warm 'swingtime cowgirl' vocals, which bring to mind legendary B-western ladies of the silver screen, Dale Evans, Rosalie Allen, Patsy Montana, etc. Like them, her lively persona intrigues and engages both kids and adults in her audience.

GINNY MAC

Hailing from Fort Worth, TX, Ginny Mac fronts a dynamic group that brings a fresh and exciting twist to vocal and instrumental stylings in the Country & Western Swing, Americana, Hot Jazz, and International music genres. Ginny is also a former member of the two-time Grammy Award winning group Brave Combo based in Denton, TX. Ginny has recorded four albums; the newest release in Spring 2014, "On The Street Where You Live," is a collection of classic tunes and originals, featuring many of her friends and greatest musical heroes.



JEAN PRESCOTT

With her roots firmly planted in Texas, Jean Prescott was born in Amarillo and grew up on a ranch in West Texas. But for the past twenty years she has hung her hat just a little bit south of Abilene with her husband, singer/songwriter Gary Prescott. Jean says she's a singer, songwriter and once and only once a wild bronc



rider. The recipient of the American Cowboy Culture Award for Western Music as well as many other awards, her music is referred to as "The spiritual essence of the west", and she shares her love of the western lifestyle and its traditions through songs about the real west of yesterday and today. The heart of her music is the stories in the songs about those who came before us when the west was wild and untamed as well as life in the west as it is today, sometimes still wild and untamed.

BROOK WALLACE

When she was 5 years old, Brook decided to play the fiddle. She took fiddle lessons from Valerie Ryals and Jimmie Don Bates in Burleson and won many fiddle competitions, both local and out of state. By the time she turned 9 years old, she had accrued the Junior (18 and under) titles of State, National, and World Champion. "I first learned to improvise through the Cowtown Opry, a nonprofit organization in the Fort Worth Stockyards dedicated to preserving western heritage and old time swing music by teaching kids and adults alike to play and sing. Devon Dawson and Janet McBride were two of the ladies there who had an immense impact on my music future." A very talented lady who is very welcome at The Gathering.



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