

THMF newsletter  
May 2007

**From the director:** My last day of school is May 5, and I head for San Miguel de Allende to teach from May 8-21. Glad to return in time for the Kerrville Folk Festival. I have missed one year out of the 36! This music event is crucial in the history of American music, and it is global in scope and vision. Starting with the vision of founder/Rod Kennedy, the music festival is now produced by Dalis Allen in conjunction with a team of board members and community volunteers. The THMF shares commitments to the value of songwriting in the world! My book on women and Texas music with University of Texas Press will be out September 2007.

**THMF dates:** September 5, Coffeehouse at Schreiner University with Rodney Hayden (2007-2008 series, first Wednesday of Sept.-Nov. and Feb.-April); September 22 at the Cailloux Performing Arts Center in Kerrville, Waiting For A Train: The Life of Jimmie Rodgers, stage play and musical as a fundraiser for the Wayne Kennemer Scholarship Fund, (Possible second performance on Sunday, September 23); September 28, Living History Day on the Schreiner University campus.

**News:** The THMF has received grants from NEA and TCH to support a public radio series on the history of rockabilly music. Lex Gillespie is coordinating the research and fundraising and production. We have asked Steve Earle to be the spokesperson for the series!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Peterson Foundation, the THMF has funding to send musicians into the schools and into organizations that work with kids at risk. Call 830-792-1945 to apply as a performer or as a recipient. Read the description at [www.texasheritagemusie.org](http://www.texasheritagemusie.org).

The THMF received a grant of \$3500 from the Texas Commission on the Arts to support the musical touring from Dallas called, "Waiting For A Train." Produced and written by Bruce DuBose, this excellent show (I saw it in Dallas at the Undermain Theatre) will be presented in Kerrville Sept. 22. We are currently raising money to match the TCA grant and to fund the complete budget of the show. The proceeds will benefit the Wayne Kennemer Scholarship Fund. We might also have a show on Sunday afternoon. Stay tuned to the website!

Awaiting news on funding for an executive director. The position, at this time, can be volunteer, part-time or full-time.

**Volunteer possibilities:** Membership chairman, project manager for music in schools program, volunteer coordinator, administrative assistant, research, office management.

**Membership:** Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout 2007, we are encouraging all to consider joining the organization, thus supporting the mission statement of preserving, perpetuating, documenting, exploring and providing free educational opportunities! \$25 includes subscription to MYTH Magazine, mailed to you door.

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