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RE: New Songwriter's Symposium Added to Texas Heritage Living History Weekend, September 26 - 27, 2008

KERRVILLE, Texas—The Texas Heritage Music Foundation is proud to announce that the annual Texas Heritage Living History Weekend will be expanded to include a songwriter's symposium on Saturday, September 26 - 27, at Schreiner University in Kerrville.

Officially billed the Jimmie Rodgers Texas Songwriter's Symposium, the symposium will showcase a nationally recognized songwriter and a hill country-based songwriter who will share their stories as well as their songs. The Symposium will also investigate the cultural significance of these songwriters who choose to interact with today's culture through their songwriting. There will be a question and answer session with the songwriters following each of their performances. The symposium will be open to the public and the admission will be free. Performers and times TBA.

On Friday, September 26, the main event of the 12th annual Texas Heritage Living History Weekend will be held at the Robbins-Lewis Pavilion on Schreiner University campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to the public and admission will be free. More than 50 performers and presenters will be spread throughout the park surrounding the pavilion to both entertain and educate, including chuck wagons and cowboy cooking demonstrations, teepees with Native American exhibits and stories, Texas heritage demonstrations, storytellers and oral historians, The Texas Camel Corps, Texas singers and songwriters and many, many more. Central to the event will be the annual noon tribute to former Kerrville resident and "Father of Country Music" Jimmie Rodgers. Come and listen to the stories of Jimmie Rodgers as told by Tony Navarra while area musicians play Rodgers' legendary songs on stage.

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