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UPDATE: Texas Heritage Living History Day confirmed for September 26, 2008; Jimmie Rodgers Texas Songwriters Symposium is postponed until further notice.

KERRVILLE, Texas—The Texas Heritage Music Foundation is proud to announce that the 12th annual Texas Heritage Living History Day will be presented on Friday, September 26 at the Robbins-Lewis Pavilion on Schreiner University campus in Kerrville from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event, billed as “Another Way of Learning Through Stories and Songs,” will be open to the public and admission will be free. However, the planned Jimmie Rodgers Texas Songwriters Symposium for September 27 has been postponed until further notice.

For Living History Day, 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. Food and drinks will be available for sale at the event. A take home educator’s packet will be available to all teachers.

Be sure to also attend the Texas Folklore Society Discussion Panel that afternoon from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. as they discuss the facts and folklore of “The Songs of Texas.” Admission to the panel discussion is free and open to the public and all interested educators and historians are urged to attend.

Original plans for this year’s Living History Day included a new Saturday addition to the event—The Jimmie Rodgers Texas Songwriters Symposium. However, due to lack of funding for this new component, THMF Executive Director Kathleen Hudson has decided to postpone the symposium until further notice. “I still think the symposium would be a fantastic addition to the Hill Country music scene,” Hudson said, “but right now, we will be concentrating on presenting the best Living History Day yet.”

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