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**UPDATE: Texas Heritage Living History Day on September 25 honors September as Hispanic Heritage Month and as the birthday of the Father of Country Music, Jimmie Rodgers!**

KERRVILLE, Texas—The Texas Heritage Music Foundation is proud to announce that the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Heritage Living History Day will be presented on Friday, September 25 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 Using Stories and Songs,” will be open to the public and admission will be free. From 4-6 p.m. in the historical Union Church on the festival grounds the Texas Folklore Society and THMF will co-host a panel on the songs of Texas. All events are free and open to the public.

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 Aztec Dancing, Hispanic Heritage Tribute with Joel Guzman and Sarah Fox, chuck wagons and cowboy cooking demonstrations, teepees with Native American exhibits and stories, Texas heritage demonstrations, storytellers and oral historians, 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. Joel Guzman will add his accordion to this special tribute! 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.

Friday evening at 7:30 (Location TBA) the THMF will pay tribute to Hispanic Heritage Month by showcasing the music of Joel Guzman and Sarah Fox. Recently featured at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conjunto Festival in San Antonio, Joel brings an original perspective to this music so important to our state’s musical history. Mexico and Texas have interchanged land, language, and music since the beginning of the distinction “Texas.” This performance will be a fundraiser for the Wayne Kennemer Scholarship Fund, and we are inviting other organizations to join us in this celebration! Call 840-792-1945 for more information. Terri Sharpe, songwriter now singing in Spanish and paying tribute to Lydia Mendoza will also perform. Joel will also be featured at the first THMF coffeehouse on September 2 at Schreiner University.

For more information about Texas Heritage Living History Day, go to the foundation website at [www.texasheritagemusic.org](http://www.texasheritagemusic.org). This event is co-sponsored by THMF and Center for Innovative Learning at Schreiner University.