

Cowboys & Indians...and Bob Livingston
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I used to play the proverbial, albeit now un-PC, kids' game myself. Chasin', shootin', whoopin' is up as we ran round and round the backyard, out for the kill. But the Cowboys & Indians I mention above is not what the words might conjure up, Kemo Sabe. We're talking here about the nigh-legendary cosmic cowboy himself, Bob Livingston. As any good outlaw country fan knows, Bob began his career with the best...Jerry Jeff Walker and The Lost Gonzo Band, playing with Michael Murphey on *Geronimo's Cadillac*, on the road with Ray Wylie Hubbard. And who can forget *Viva Terlingua!* ? And those are just a bug splat or two of what this man has accomplished in his musical windshield of life thus far. Do yourself a favor and get the details at www.texasmusic.org. But on to the Cowboys & Indians part...

Touring as part of a cultural exchange program with the U.S. State Department in the earlier part of the century, Bob found himself in faraway places like Pakistan, the Middle East, Africa, and India. He also found himself amongst folks who unabashedly joined him during shows with their indigenous instruments, wanting to intertwine their joy in that common language of song. Moved by the sounds created by this uniting of East and West, Livingston brought together a sound and a band, henceforth known as *Cowboys & Indians*. To quote Bob's website, it's all about "*guitars and sitars, incense and cactus, boots & bare feet, Mahatma Gandhi & Sitting Bull meet Buddy Holly & Ravi Shankar!*" Kind of gets your attention, doesn't it? And it's not just about giving

cool concerts, either. *Cowboys & Indians* take their cultural message into schools and theatres, with over 35,000 Texas school children having seen the show to date.

Coming soon to the Kerrville area is a chance to get up close and personal with Mr. Livingston and hear a range of stories and song from the far reaches of the early '70's to the current amalgamate of East meets West. Bob Livingston will be gracing our living room (aka Hilltop House Concerts) for the last house concert of 2007 on Saturday, November 17th. Details and a reservations link can be found at www.hilltophouseconcerts.com or by calling 830-895-0975. You don't want to miss this rare chance to intimately hear such an amazing and legendary talent, as well as meet one of the nicest cosmic cowboys out there, folks.

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