

Bonham, Texas

Region: Prairies & Lakes

Bonham is the birthplace of [Charlie Christian](#), one of the originators of the electric guitar. Born there in 1916, Christian went on to become one of the most influential and innovative [jazz](#) guitarists in history, playing with Benny Goodman and many others. Bonham was incorporated in 1848, and is a city rich with Texas history. Beginning as a railroad stop, the city thrived as an agricultural center, and housed the Confederate military headquarters for the northern sub district of Texas during the Civil War.



Those who make a Charlie Christian pilgrimage to Bonham will not be disappointed. Although the original house has been torn down, fans can visit the [place where it stood](#) until 2005. Christian is buried in Bonham, so devotees can bring flowers and visit the [grave](#), as well as the [church](#) that hosted his funeral. [The Bonham-Fannin Museum](#) of history has a permanent exhibit dedicated to Christian. With over 400 businesses in the city limits, Bonham is a charming place to visit for music lovers and history buffs alike.

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