

# Letter from the Director



The 2010 issue of the *Journal of Texas Music History* marks the tenth anniversary of the Center for Texas Music History. During the past decade, the Center has established a number of acclaimed educational programs focused on preserving and celebrating the unique musical heritage of the

American Southwest. The Center has been recognized for its innovative work by such prestigious organizations as The Smithsonian Institution, PBS, National Public Radio, The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, The National Endowment for the Humanities, *Billboard* magazine, *The Los Angeles Times*, and others.

Through Texas State University's History Department, the Center offers a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses on Texas music history. In collaboration with Texas A&M University Press, the Center also produces the award-winning book series, the *John and Robin Dickson Series in Texas Music*. In addition, the Center is currently working with the Bullock Texas State History Museum to organize a major exhibit on Texas music scheduled to run from February to September 2012.

The Center's popular NPR series, *This Week in Texas Music History*, is now broadcast on NPR affiliate stations across the state. The Center continues to work with the Texas State Historical Association, the Texas Music Office (in the Office of the Governor), and others to produce a revised and updated edition of the popular *Handbook of Texas Music*, which is scheduled for publication in 2012. Texas State University students have researched and written hundreds of articles to be included in the *Handbook*.

We are very grateful to everyone who made our February 2, 2010 *Music from the Heart: An 80th Birthday Tribute to Rod Kennedy* concert at Austin's Paramount Theatre such a successful fundraiser, especially Patti Harrison, Teresa Ward, John & Robin Dickson, Kathleen O'Keefe, Vincent Messina, Kelsey McManus, Tamara Saviano, Paul Paynter, Phil & Cecilia Collins, Rod Kennedy, Carolyn Pillow, Dalis Allen, the Kerrville Folk Festival, Kim & Robert Richey, Alan & Susan Lazarus, Old Settlers Music Festival, Tom Schnorr & Vicki Bell, Rick Deyoe, Elmer & Susan Rosenberger, Joe & Alice Specht,

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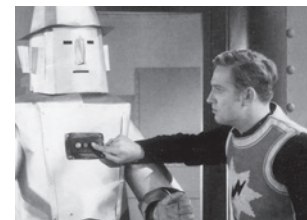
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