

Letter from the Director



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It's been another very successful year at the Center for Texas Music History. We continue to develop new graduate and undergraduate music history courses through Texas State University's History Department. We also wrapped up our extremely popular *Texas Music Roadtrip* exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin. This was the largest exhibit ever organized on Texas music, and it drew record crowds to the Bullock Museum. Thanks again to our good friend, Patti Harrison, for providing a \$100,000 PSH Foundation grant in support of the *Texas Music Roadtrip* exhibit.

Speaking of Patti Harrison, one of our proudest moments recently occurred on March 30, 2012, when we had the honor of naming Taylor-Murphy Hall Room 104 the "Patti S. Harrison Lecture Hall," in recognition of Patti's long-standing support of the Center for Texas Music History.

The Center also is working to establish student scholarships within the Department of History at Texas State. This year, we awarded the very first Michael R. Davis Scholarship to graduate History major, Lauren Neal. We are very grateful to Greg Davis, Michael Davis's brother, for establishing this important scholarship as a way to honor his brother and help support our students' educational endeavors. We are also busy raising money for the new Kent Finlay endowed scholarship fund. Our sincerest thanks to the Randy Rogers Band, Robin Schoepf, and everyone else who has contributed so generously to the Finlay scholarship endowment.

This year, the Center's award-winning *John and Robin Dickson Series in Texas Music* (produced in collaboration with Texas A&M University Press) published a new book by Alan Govanar, entitled *Everyday Music*, which explores the tremendous variety of local "homegrown" musical genres still found throughout the state. The Center also collaborated with the Texas State Historical Association and the Texas Music Office (in the Office of the Governor) to produce the revised second edition of *The Handbook of Texas Music*, the first and only encyclopedia of Texas music history, for which our Texas State students wrote hundreds of articles.

The Center's popular NPR series, *This Week in Texas Music History*, is now in its fifth year and is broadcast on NPR affiliate stations throughout the Southwest to an estimated audience of one million listeners. Our sincerest thanks to Humanities Texas for its generous grant in support of *This Week in Texas Music History*.

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