



# WAYNE KENNEMER SCHOLARSHIP

## WILLIE WAS HERE

Sunday, September 6, 1997, a full house watched Willie Nelson perform at the Wayne Kennemer Scholarship Benefit held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Kerrville, Texas. Over 750 fans packed the hall to hear the "Red-headed Stranger" as he paid homage to Jimmie Rodgers, the "Father of Country Music" and former Kerrville resident.

The Wayne Kennemer Scholarship Benefit was Day Four of a five-day festival "A Tribute to Jimmie Rodgers" produced by the Texas Heritage Music Foundation. The 1997 festival celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of Jimmie Rodgers, the "Father of Country Music" and former Kerrville resident.

Joining Willie Nelson was Little Joe y La Familia. Both donated their performance for this event. As a result of their generosity and support, the Texas Heritage Music Foundation added \$10,000 to the scholarship fund. This scholarship is awarded to Hill Country Seniors planning to pursue an education in music.

In 1998, three \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. The recipients are Kristi Foster of Kerrville, Gem Trimble of Pipe Creek, and Russell Voght of Boerne. Scholarships are granted based on financial need, demonstrated history of commitment to music and a 500 word essay detailing the importance of music to the student.

The Texas Heritage Music Foundation was established in July, 1987 out of a belief that singing songs and telling stories make a difference in the world. Texas Heritage Music Foundation is committed to creating educational projects that both enrich the Hill Country community and preserve our Texas heritage through sharing the stories of our lives. The Wayne Kennemer scholarship is just one of several educational events.



## WHO WAS WAYNE KENNEMER?

Kerrville resident, Wayne Kennemer was a songwriter and recording artist. His life reflected the passion inherent in all true musicians.

A tragic auto accident in 1992 brought a fatal end to his career.

The Wayne Kennemer Scholarship was established to continue his vision that music makes a difference in the world.

His widow, Janice Kennemer, serves as a committee member of the scholarship established in Wayne's memory.

For scholarship information, contact THMF at 830-792-1945



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## FLORIN SANCHEZ KERRVILLE

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Florin Sanchez, the first recipient of the Wayne Kennemer Scholarship, now has composed, performed and produced a CD of his own music, "Excursion."

"Excursion" is a collection demonstrating Sanchez's versatility in various types of music including rock, reggae, Big Band, instrumental and symphonic.

"He is a multi-talented person who comes from a musical family," said Kathleen Hudson, executive director of the Texas Heritage Music Foundation. He got his first drum set at age five, studied trumpet with his father, Florin B. Sanchez, and later studied with Avie Teltschik at Tivy High School in Kerrville.

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After graduation, Florin left Kerrville to study at San Antonio College and Incarnate word. He studied theory with George Gregory and piano with Mary Lou Russell. He was in the choir with Theron Kirk, a highly renowned composer. Sanchez's main instrument, however, is guitar.

Later, Sanchez joined the Trinidad Panmasters with whom he played for four years. He has been featured in articles in both Guitar World/Player and Guitar for Practicing Musicians.

Currently, he is free-lancing, building a studio and promoting his CD. Future plans include recording and diversifying even more.

"I want to continue to grow away from all forms of musical snobbery. Music is a gift, and you should respect the beauty that is in the ear of any beholder," Sanchez explained.



Florin comes from a background filled with music. His grandfather's brother, Esteban Sanchez, played in various forms of the San Antonio Symphony for 20 years until the early 50's.

His grandfather, Florin Sanchez, directed the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce band and his uncle, Percy Bowles, used to play with Jimmie Rodgers at Blue Yodeler's Paradise.

The family is part of Kerrville's heritage and the association with Jimmie Rodgers.

## OUR MISSION

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### **Wayne Kennemer Scholarship Recipients**

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- 1992: Florin Sanchez, Tivy H.S.
- 1993: Jacinto LeFebre, Tivy H.S.
- 1994: Ingrid Starks, Tom Moore H.S. (Ingram)
- 1995: no recipient
- 1996: Doug Helm, Tivy H.S.  
Frank Fossler, Tivy H.S.
- 1997: Johnny Way, Harper H.S.
- 1998: Kristi Foster, Tivy H.S.  
Russell Vogt, Boerne H.S.  
Gem Trimble, Bandera H.S.
- 1999: Jessica Rose, Tivy H.S.  
Elijah Stone, Tivy H.S.
- 2000: Rachel Maxson, Tivy H.S.
- 2001: Michael Wedgworth, Medina H.S.
- 2002: Ariel Allerkamp, Comfort H.S.
- 2003: Jessica Roberts, Tivy H.S.
- 2004: Drew Hubbeling, Tivy H.S.
- 2005: Micah Meador, Junction H.S.