



MEDIA ALERT

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Top Music Recording Artists Pay Tribute to Buck Owens' Life With Texas-Style Celebration

15th Annual Buck Owens Birthday Bash Features Top Musicians

WHAT: A lineup of both nationally recognized and local musicians will gather once again in Austin to celebrate the legendary musician and Country Music Hall-of-Famer Buck Owens. The 15th Annual Buck Owens Birthday Bash will pay tribute to Buck's life since his passing earlier this year and commemorate his enduring influence on the country music industry. A vast array of artists will perform their renditions of the late country music legend's tunes including Jim Lauderdale, Jesse Dayton, Dallas Wayne, Monte Warden, Tracie Lynn and Ted Roddy, to name a few. The event is sponsored by The Continental Club, KVET-FM 98.1, *Austin Chronicle*, Buck Owens Productions, Music Lab, San Jose Hotel, Texicalli Grill, and *Texas Music Round Up*.

A companion to this wonderful local event is a CD tribute to Buck Owens performed by local artists such as David Ball, Rick Trevino, Jim Lauderdale, Rosie Flores and The Derailers. Official "Happy Birthday, Buck! A Texas Salute to Buck Owens" CDs are available for \$15.

WHO: Recording artists Casper Rawls and Tom Lewis started the event in 1991 to bring together fans and music lovers to celebrate the life and music of Buck Owens. The Buck Owens Birthday Bash features live performances by recording artists from across the country and long time members of the Continental Club's House Band. Special appearances will include Jon and Jim Hager, the "Hager Twins," of "Hee Haw" fame.

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WHY: Rawls and Lewis decided they would continue to hold the event each year, and the celebration's proceeds would be donated to a non-profit organization. At the suggestion of Buck Owens' fan and former University of Texas football coach Darrell K. Royal, Rawls and Lewis selected the Center for Child Protection as the beneficiary.

WHEN: Thursday, August 10, 2006. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Continental Club, 1315 South Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78704
<http://www.continentalclub.com>, (512) 441-2444

COST: The cover charge for the evening is \$15.

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OPP: Top recording artists and musicians including a packed house of Buck Owens' fans and music lovers.

About the Center for Child Protection

The Center for Child Protection, an accredited child advocacy center, is the first stop for children entering the criminal justice system because of suspected sexual abuse, serious physical abuse and for children who have witnessed a violent crime. The Center is a child-friendly, specially-equipped facility where children and their caregivers go for evidence gathering, forensic medical exams, counseling and intervention during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. All services are provided free of charge. In 2005, the Center served more than 1,300 children.

The Center for Child Protection serves as the community representative to the Child Protection Team (CPT). The Child Protection Team is a public collaboration established in 1989 to more effectively and quickly coordinate the investigation and care for abused children and their families to reduce child re-victimization and promote healing. Other team members include the Travis County District Attorney's Office, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Children's Hospital of Austin, Austin Police Department, Travis County Sheriff's Office, Austin Independent School District Police Department, Pflugerville Police Department, Jonestown Police Department, Lakeway Police Department, Cedar Park Police Department, Leander Police Department, Sunset Valley Police Department, Lago Vista Police Department, Manor Police Department, Rollingwood Police Department, Bee Cave Police Department, West Lake Hills Police Department and Mustang Ridge Police Department. For more information, please call (512) 472-1164 or visit www.centerforchildprotection.org.

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