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Press Release

Source: Texas Music Project

Beyonce, Clint Black, Eric Clapton and Bonnie Raitt Join the Texas Music Project to Strengthen Music Education in Schools

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Texas Music Project to Distribute \$200,000 to Texas Schools in 2004

DALLAS, Sept. 21 /PRNewswire/ -- Following the Texas Music Project's successful first CD, 19 new artists are contributing songs to Volume Two of "Don't Mess With Texas Music(TM)." Beyonce, Clint Black, Eric Clapton, George Strait, Pat Green, Bobby "Blue" Bland and Bonnie Raitt are just a few of the all-star artists on the compilation CD dedicated to raising awareness and funding for music education in Texas schools. The Texas Music Project (TMP) is an initiative of the Social Marketing Resource Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Volume Two is the latest in the series of CDs in which Texas music legends and deserving artists are brought together by TMP to support music education throughout the state. Proceeds from sales of the CD benefit Texas' schools via TMP grants for music education distributed through the Texas Commission of the Arts.

"Music teachers from across the state tell us programs are being eliminated and they are in desperate need of funds for music education," said Bruce Orr, co-founder and president of TMP.

"And these teachers are not just concerned about the next generation of musicians. They see how music touches all students, building self-

esteem, teamwork and strengthening families and communities, while reducing drop-out rates."

The "Don't Mess With Texas Music" CD is now available on TMP's website (<http://www.texasmusicproject.org>), at CD retailers throughout the state and, for a limited time at all Texas Starbucks Coffee and Brook Mays Music locations (including H&H and Caldwell Music stores).

The Texas Music Project is a statewide initiative founded by the Social Marketing Resource Center with a mission of restoring and strengthening music education in Texas schools. TMP grants will be distributed to schools by the Texas Commission on the Arts, and awarded based on need. Applications for grants can be submitted online at <http://www.texasmusicproject.org> or <http://www.arts.state.tx.us> at anytime. It is the intention of the Texas Music Project that grants be used to support the implementation of full-time, rigorous music education curricula. For more information on Texas Music Project, visit <http://www.texasmusicproject.org>.

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