



WILLIE NELSON

Willie Nelson is a singer, songwriter, guitarist and actor whose many honors include seven Grammys -- with a Legend Award and Lifetime Achievement Award being two of them -- seven Country Music Awards including *Album of the Year* in 1976 for “Wanted -- The Outlaws” and in 1982 for “Always on My Mind.” Nelson’s career spans more than 35 years and 100 albums. Even outside the realm of Texas music, this Abbott, Texas, native is a music icon. His latest work, “Willie Nelson & Friends: Live & Kickin,” is a collection of songs recorded with popular artists, including Norah Jones, Eric Clapton and Shania Twain. Nelson remains one of the hardest working and best-loved entertainers in the music business and is seemingly always on the road.



BOZ SCAGGS

Though Boz Scaggs grew up in Dallas, his music roots also come from New Orleans, Memphis, Tenn., and Chicago. After performing in Eastern Europe, he began recording professionally with the Steve Miller Band in 1967. Scaggs has recorded 15 records to date, including “Slow Dancer” in 1970 and the “Middle Man” in 1980. He has won one Grammy Award and been nominated for another with “Come on Home,” a blues and R&B collection from which his performance of Jimmy Reed’s “Found Love” appears on the Texas Music Project CD. He currently is touring in the United States performing tracks from his latest release, “But Beautiful,” which debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard Jazz Chart.



MICHELLE SHOCKED

Michelle Shocked is a songwriter most noted for her 1988 Grammy nominated album, “Short, Sharp, Shocked.” Raised in Gilmer, Texas, Shocked has recorded five albums over the span of her career, starting with her 1986 debut, “The Texas Campfire Tapes.” Her most recently released album, “Deep Natural,” further defines her musical blend of acoustic folk, big band swing and gospel.