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Texas music defenders

School budget cuts are threatening music programs across the country, so Willie Nelson, Ray Benson and Michelle Shocked have joined with others in "Don't Mess With Texas Music," a public-awareness campaign to help music programs survive. The campaign, being launched by the Texas Music Project, is similar to VH-1's national "Save the Music" drive. Nelson is honorary chairman, and Benson, leader of the band *Asleep at the Wheel*, and singer-songwriter Shocked are on the advisory board.



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