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## Artists support drive for music in schools

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AUSTIN, Texas — Willie Nelson, Ray Benson and Michelle Shocked are among the artists behind "Don't Mess With Texas Music," a public awareness campaign to help music programs survive in schools amid budget cuts.

The campaign, being launched by the Texas Music Project, is similar to VHI's national "Save the Music" drive.

Nelson is honorary chairman of the Texas Music Project. Benson, leader of the band Asleep at the Wheel, and Shocked, a Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, are on the advisory board.

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