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## **Texas musicians team up to save school music**

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 VH1'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.

"Don't Mess With Texas Music" also is the name of an upcoming benefit CD with songs by 21 artists with state ties, including **Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Lucinda Williams** and **Erykah Badu**.