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**MATT “MOJO” TEDDER WINS 2008 TEXAS MUSIC PROJECT  
LONE STARZ RISING TALENT CONTEST**

Dallas, TX - JUNE, 2008 – Young Matt “Mojo” Tedder of Weatherford won the Lone Starz Rising Talent Contest on May 11 competing with his band against nine other musicians and bands at Taste Addison. The contest is sponsored by Texas Music Project. As the grand prize winner, Tedder will receive a professional recording session aboard the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus, and numerous other prizes. Texas Music Project has made a \$1,000 grant to Tedder’s school, which he has decided to split between his elementary school and high school in Aledo.

“We don’t know whose idea it was to come up with an organization like this, but we can see how this can make a life-changing experience for so many talented kids who would have otherwise gone unnoticed,” Hatice Tedder, Mojo’s mother said. “It makes us feel better that Matt is surrounded by experienced musicians through your organization and they are ready to help him. Please keep up the good work. Texas needs an organization like this to protect its culture and its talented kids.”

The ten finalists in Lone Starz Rising were chosen from hundreds of entries which were submitted online at [www.ourstage.com](http://www.ourstage.com). Solo performers and bands with members under 20 years of age were eligible to enter to win a prize package from the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus and the Town of Addison. The grand prize package includes a gig at Kaboom Town, Addison’s Independence Day festival with attendance of more than 30,000, a professional recording session on board the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus, a Godin Guitar and 1,000 custom CDs courtesy of Disc Makers. Prizes for the runners up included an Apple iPod shuffle for each band member, a Crate profiler Model 5, an AMPEG – BA 112 Bass Combo, Propellerhead’s Reason, D’Addario Strings and a Maxell Prize Package for each band member. First runner up in the contest was Maegan Wright of Plano and the second runner up was For Every Day of Flower Mound.

“Lone Starz Rising gives students a chance to show off their talent while building awareness for the importance of music education in Texas public schools,” Michael Clay, co-founder and executive director of the Texas Music Project, said. “Last year’s winner, Emily Elbert, went on to receive a full scholarship to the prestigious Berklee College of Music and has a successful CD called Bright Side with 11 original songs. Landon Austin, our 2006 winner, was recently one of three finalists in the Dorito’s Crash the Superbowl contest, and was flown to L.A. to record his original song, Waiting.”

The ten finalists in the 2008 Lone Starz Rising contest were:

Maegan Wright - Plano  
Matthew "Mojo" Tedder - Weatherford  
AfterMath - Austin  
Jesse Vick – Fort Worth  
The J. Walkers – Ft. Worth  
Cameron Cooke - Austin  
High on Hotdogs - Austin  
Jaimee Harris - Hewitt  
No Comment – Plano  
For Every Day – Flower Mound

Sponsors for this year's Lone Starz Rising Talent Contest, benefiting Texas Music Project, are the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus, Guitar Center, Taste Addison, Lone Star Attitude and OurStage.com.

#### About Texas Music Project

The Texas Music Project (TMP) is a statewide initiative with a mission of restoring and strengthening music education in Texas schools. TMP has distributed music education grants benefiting a projected 700,000 students in Texas public schools, generated over \$1.5 million in publicity value for its cause; and has released the critically-acclaimed "Don't Mess with Texas Music" CD series. For more information on Texas Music Project or to make a contribution, visit <http://www.texasmusicproject.org>.

#### About OurStage

OurStage is a leading website for music lovers to discover and promote new artists, and for artists to connect with fans and earn valuable industry support to aid their career development. The site, which is free to fans and artists, enables fans to choose the best emerging talent in multiple music genres by using a tamper-proof judging process. Once chosen, top-ranked artists receive significant career-building promotion and support from established artists, industry professionals, and a broad assortment of partners, including AOL Music, Bonnaroo, Texas Music Project, Virgin Festival, Bumbershoot, CMJ, PLUG Awards, Newport Folk, Newport Jazz, Paste Magazine, Relix, Noise Pop, and many others. Founded in early 2007, OurStage delivers music and related content to over a million fans in 140 countries each month, filtered and ranked by OurStage members for the pleasure of the listening public.