



Spring 2010

News & Notes

Tex & Mary, Miles of Memories & More

Miles of Memories Country MusicFest 2010

Come help us celebrate the seventh anniversary of this event (and our 30th wedding anniversary), as the Miles of Memories Country MusicFest combines concerts, theme shows, gospel music, workshops, seminars and old-time dances for three days of fun, fellowship and frolic for those who appreciate the older style of country music. The 2010 event will be **September 9, 10, & 11 at the Adams County Fairgrounds in Hastings, Nebraska.**

Grand Ole Opry Star George Hamilton IV Headlines 2010 MusicFest

George Hamilton IV, of “Abilene” and “Break My Mind” fame, will be with us all three days of our 7th annual country music festival.

Proclaimed the International Ambassador of Country Music, thanks to his performances around the world, George began his career in the late '50s not as a country artist but as a teen-oriented pop star. After his first hit, “A Rose and a Baby Ruth,” hit No. 6 on the pop charts in 1956, he toured with Buddy Holly and the Everly Brothers. Hamilton moved to the country charts by 1959, where nine of his hits spent time in the Top Ten, including his No. 1, “Abilene.” He dabbled in folk music during the mid-'60s, with both “Steel Rail Blues” and “Early Morning Rain” hitting the country Top 15 during 1966. “Urge for Going” hit No. 7 in 1967 and “Break My Mind” reached No. 6 later in the year.

He's made more than ten tours of Great Britain and performed in several BBC-TV productions and hosted the Gospel Celebration and the International Country Festival, both in England. He was the first country artist to perform behind the Iron Curtain, where he lectured about country music and played several shows. He also toured Africa, the Orient, New Zealand, Australia and even the Middle East during the late '70s.

In recent years he has toured domestically and given more emphasis to his country and gospel music, and appears on the Grand Ole Opry regularly when not off to

Europe and points beyond. He was recently honored by the Tennessee Legislature for his 50 years with the Opry. He's a regular guest on RFD-TV's “Family Reunion” show as well.

George IV will be with us all weekend, doing a special concert each evening, joining other MusicFest performers for theme shows and chatting with fans.



George Hamilton IV comes directly from the Grand Ole Opry to the 2010 Miles of Memories MusicFest.

Headline Performers

for 2010

Roger Tibbs

New Zealand's top country singer brings his mellow, captivating style to the Miles of Memories MusicFest in 2010! As a regular performer on New Zealand's country TV series "That's Country," Roger has shared the stage with such American country music notables as Johnny Russell, Connie Smith and Emmylou Harris. He was invited to perform at the Calgary Stampede in 2008 for their "Western Heritage Day" before an audience of 10,000 music lovers.

Roger's shows are a mix of easy listening songs, country selections and cowboy tunes. And, if we coax him a bit, he might do a traditional New Zealand ditty or two.



Andy Glandt

For 30 years now Andy and his banjo have toured around the world playing his shows that blend original tunes with oldtime and folk music from America, Australia, Germany and other European countries. When this German musician is on stage, you can see the fun he has playing his music while interacting with the

audience. He's a singer-songwriter, a banjoist and a first-class entertainer.

Margie LeBlanc

This little lady from southeast Texas is a very pleasant veteran performer with a warm stage presence that really connects with her audiences and a sound that makes folks sit up and take notice.

Margie is blessed with a voice that



can handle almost any type of music, but her heart is definitely country. You might call her style a blend of the sounds of Connie Smith, Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette and Brenda Lee. Once you've heard her, you'll never forget Miss Margie LeBlanc!

Curt Shoemaker

The "Man of Steel," Curt Shoemaker has been performing at the MusicFest since its beginning. It's his beautiful steel guitar music that you hear when you dance to our Miles of Memories Band and as he backs up some of our vocalists.

Curt was named to the Kansas Steel Guitar Hall of Fame and often shares his musical experience with young up-and-coming performers! He's also the music director for the festival that happens September 18th in Jewell, Kansas. Once again, we welcome Crazy Curt back to the MusicFest and can't wait to see what he has up his sleeve for us this year!



Your Hosts, Tex & Mary Schutz

Tex & Mary are always part of the cast of musical characters at Miles of Memories. We invite you to partake in the many concerts and activities of this year's event as we celebrate our seventh annual event and our 30th year of marriage. (Yikes! Can it be true?!)

We'll be doing concerts as well

as making sure that all goes smoothly and that everyone is comfortable and having a great time.

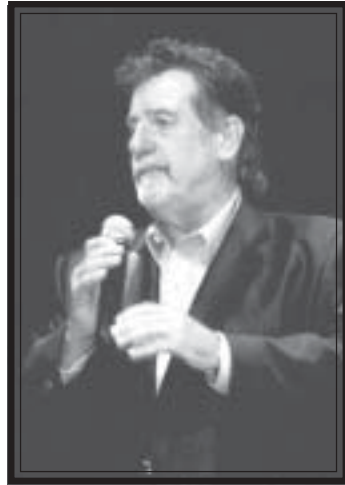
We'd like to say a huge THANKS to all of you who come to our event, to those who entertain here and to those who volunteer their time and talents to help us do such things as put out flyers, park RVs, staff the ticket booth,

set up chairs, etc. All together you make Miles of Memories a wonderful get-together for country music fans!



Elton Flodman

Equally at home with country, gospel and old-time rock 'n' roll, Elton is a favorite of festival and concert audiences across the Midwest... and you'll love his strong, sweet voice and the beautiful songs he sings as well! Also a songwriter, he has promoted live music via his FlodFest event for the past 12 years. Although he's been able to stop in at the MusicFest in years past, this year we're happy to announce that he'll be spending the entire event with us, so you won't miss out, no matter which day or days you attend.



Paul Belanger

He's been a finalist on "America's Got Talent," an award-winning yodeler, a Western and country music ambassador...and he's still and always will be a talented entertainer. Paul Belanger is joining us for the first time this year and we couldn't be happier! A songwriter, a yodeler of the highest quality and what a singer! That's Paul Belanger, who comes to us from beautiful New Hampshire, where he's known as the "Old Man of the Mountain."



Stranger Creek

Passionate about their music, The Stranger Creek Band returns to Miles of Memories to help with back-up and share their own lively music as well.

Garry and Mary Bichelmeyer, Larry Dean, Gordon Riley, John Malone and Marvin Bredemeier comprise this Kansas City area group.



Buck (the Big Man) Helton

"He's a rootin', tootin', six-gun shootin', yodeling cowhand!" These lyrics from a Wylie Gustafson song describe Buck Helton to a "T." Singer, songwriter, yodeler, award-winning cowboy poet, MC, voice-over artist and Western actor. He's done it all! Buck brings the music, history and romance of the West to life in his performances in a way that endears him to fans of traditional music. With the great tunes of Roy, Gene, Tex and Rex added to the mix for flavor, Buck will share his strong country and cowboy music with MusicFest audiences in a return engagement for the 2010 event.



Charley Groth

Charley Groth tours the world with his music. He's a lifetime, full-time professional musician and entertainer--a strong singer and a fine player of guitar, piano, mandolin, Dobro, autoharp, and a variety of other instruments. At country festivals in the USA, Europe and the South Pacific, he specializes in all-acoustic music with lots of hot picking

and highlighting the work of the great ones like Hank Thompson, Bob Wills, Jimmie Rodgers, the Carter Family, Hank Williams, Cindy Walker, Floyd Cramer, Eddie Arnold, and others.



Old-Time Country
is Here Again
...in 2010!

More MusicFest News

Special Guests

Judy Keel

(Actress, author & wife of Western star Howard Keel)

Howard Keel burst onto the international scene in 1947 via his London theatrical performance as “Curly” in *Oklahoma!* Memorable film roles followed, including *Annie Get Your Gun*, *Showboat*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and *War Wagon*.

When Howard met Judy on a blind date in 1970, he described her as a beautiful blonde with the most fantastic eyes he’d ever seen. The next 36 years represented a love story for all time, interrupted with making motion pictures, performing in live theater, singing in concerts, and his 12-season stint as Clayton Farlow, J.R. Ewing’s step-father on *Dallas*.

Judy Keel and Joyce Spizer Foy, co-authors of *Only Make Believe*, the biography of the late Howard Keel, will participate in the 2010 Miles of Memories MusicFest as special guests. They’ll host a meet-and-greet booth and will participate in an on-stage discussion of Howard Keel, his career and his life.

You won’t want to miss out on this wonderful opportunity to talk with Judy and Joyce during this special part of our MusicFest event.

Joyce Spizer Foy

Singer, actor, producer and co-writer (with Judy Keel) of actor Howard Keel’s biography, entitled *Only Make Believe*, Judy has done it all. She spent her early adulthood as, believe it or not, a private investigator. Then she decided that being a writer was her true calling, and took instruction from such notables as Ray Bradbury and Charles Schultz. She wrote the Harbor Pointe Mystery Series, a fictionalized account of her own real-life cases. She’s also written two screen plays, both currently in production. Then she met Howard Keel and the rest is history.



Lowell Lydic

A long-time promoter of country and cowboy music, Lowell is now on the production team for the Cedar Depot Festival, held each late spring in beautiful downtown Cedar, Kansas, where 26 hardy individuals keep the town’s history and tradition alive through this annual event. Equestrian performances, plus great cowboy and country music blend with a charming outdoor setting to pay tribute to this town that was built as a railroad stop in the late 1800s.

Lowell will join us once again as an MC and major MusicFest volunteer.

Michael Allen

Joining us this year as a guest MC is Michael Allen, a Nashville-based entertainment industry specialist who develops a variety of entertainment-related projects. His services include marketing strategy, product design, and production of the visual elements of a product: graphic design, film/videography, and photography.

After working with recording artist Silvia’s career for several years, Allen formed Michael Allen



Entertainment Development, which specializes in entertainment-related design projects, public relations, artist

development, audio and video production. He also does custom recording projects with aspiring singers with the best Nashville musicians. Some clients include: the Country Music Association, CBS Cable, Academy Of Country Music, Brenda Lee, Tom T. Hall, and the William Morris Agency.

Michael is also a managing partner with Joyce Spizer Foy in

InCahoots Film Entertainment LLC. Their company specializes in film production, literary, and music publishing.

Stage Two Guests

Several new performers will be joining the MusicFest for Lunch and Supper Shows on Stage Two, a new addition to the schedule, so you can enjoy even more great entertainment while you're eating lunch or supper.

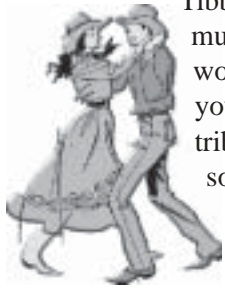
Among those scheduled to perform on Stage Two are Tommy Helms, Donnie Young, Clarence Hayden and others yet to be confirmed. We'll have more information about these folks on the website a bit later.

Plan to spend your lunches and suppers enjoying their lively shows. You'll be glad you did.

Workshops & Theme Shows, Barn Dances & More!

Buck Helton will be presenting a workshop on yodeling, Andy Glandt will teach youngsters about singing and playing country music and George Hamilton IV, Roger

Tibbs and Andy will talk about how country music differs and is the same around the world. You'll learn more about some of your favorite country stars as we present tribute shows, enjoy the variety of country songs about particular topics and be inspired by gospel and patriotic music...and so much more...as we present our various theme shows.



Then when each day's activities are wrapped up, we relax and dance to either the Miles of Memories band or the keyboard wizardry of Maynard Zipf.

You won't want to miss a minute of it...so plan now to take it all in and enjoy each and every activity of the 2010 Miles of Memories MusicFest.

Advance Ticket Sales

(Credit Card Service Now Available)

Enjoy the discounted price of advance ticket sales and, if you are one of the first 100 persons to purchase a weekend ticket, enjoy a Main Stage seat reserved just for you, for the entire weekend. See the prices and details on the "Purchase Advance Tickets" form on the back page of this issue of Miles of Memories News & Notes.

You may send the form along with your check to us, or, if you'd prefer, call us with your credit card information and we'll expedite your order.



Where to Stay...

There are lots of places to stay while you're in Hastings for the Miles of Memories Country MusicFest. You can choose one of our supporting motels, stay in your RV right on the festival grounds or you can check out one of the other motels or campgrounds in the area. Here's some contact information for your convenience as you make your plans.

Motels

Several Hastings motels are supporting the MusicFest by offering discounted rates. We encourage you to contact them first as you make your plans for lodging while you're at the MusicFest. Be sure to ask for Miles of Memories MusicFest rates when you call.

X-L Motel, 402-463-3148 (closest to the Fairgrounds)

Midlands Lodge, 800-237-1872 (second closest)

Quality Hotel & Convention Center, 888-905-1200.

(They're hosting a welcome party for all MusicFest guests, Wednesday at 8 p.m.)

Holiday Inn Express, 402-463-8858

Comfort Inn, 402-463-5252

Camping

The Adams County Fairgrounds, where the MusicFest is held, offers more than 400 RV sites, all with electricity on site, and water available nearby. There are a limited number of sites with full hook-ups (a dump-station on site). Of course, there's a dump station on the grounds, so you can take care of that on your way out.

Camping fees will be paid to the MusicFest from Wednesday through Saturday. Before Wednesday and after Saturday fees go directly to the Fairgrounds. There are no reservations for camping on the Fairgrounds. If you want a particular site, you should arrive early. If you wish to park with your group, you should arrive together.

Should you wish to park in the area reserved for handicapped RVers, please be prepared to show your handicapped placard.

Camping fees during the MusicFest are \$12 per night.

Call for Volunteers

to Distribute Flyers, Etc.

We're always on the look-out for folks who are willing to put out flyers at events or putting up posters in businesses and other places where country fans will see them. If you'd like to help out in this area, please give us a call at 903-467-9545 or e-mail us at texschutz@aol.com. Those who are willing to put out significant numbers of flyers and posters will receive complimentary admission to the MusicFest as a volunteer. Please contact us for the guidelines for this volunteer activity.

Promotional Services

Mary has started a new venture: a small business offering promotional planning, writing and execution, plus promotional and production consulting for entertainers, small businesses, prospective event organizers, etc.

Please visit www.my-promo-pal.com for more information or give us a call at 903-467-9545 if you have questions or would like to discuss these services for your project.



MusicFest Tickets

Go On Sale
June 1st!

First 100 Full Festival Pass
Holders Receive Reserved
Seating at Main Stage!



An event that Mary is helping with is the brand new **Burton's Bend Music Festival, to be held July 30 & 31** in Holbrook, located in southcentral Nebraska. Bring your RV or stay in a nearby motel...you'll want to catch every minute of this event, as we celebrate traditional music in a variety of performances and activities. Please stop by www.texandmary.com for more information as we get closer to the festival dates.

Tex & Mary...

What we've been up to lately, what's ahead for Summer and Fall, 2010.

As you're reading this, we should be on a sailboat somewhere in the Aegean Sea. Yep! It's our 30th anniversary year and we decided to take the trip of our dreams, to Athens, Greece, then a sailboat cruise around the Greek islands. But we'll be back soon and getting ready for our summer tour.

Mary did have surgery on her feet and she's getting around lots better these days, altho she'll probably not go for any five-mile hikes like she used to do! We took the winter off to have that surgery and to generally re-group, and we enjoyed it so much we plan to take next winter off as well. In fact, a lot with a house adjacent to our lot near the Richland-Chambers Reservoir came up for sale and we bought it! We've been living full-time in the motorhome since May of 2001 and it feels great to have a lot more space now! But we love our motorhome and will be going out on the road about June 2nd to head north for our concert in Smith Center and the Cedar Depot Festival in Cedar, Kansas.

As you may have already read (story at left), Mary has started up a small business doing promotional and consulting work. Right now she's working on a book about Janet McBride, a website for an arts group in Oklahoma and a new music festival in Nebraska (see story at left).

Tex just finished sorting out and re-mastering some of the songs that we had recorded on projects early in our career for our new compilation CD. We're calling it "30 Years, Pickin' & Grinnin' Together." We're excited about it and are sure that you'll enjoy listening to it as much as we did putting it together. (See the form on the back page to order your copy.)

Also, we're excited about a grant we are to receive from the Nebraska Tourism folks. It's for national advertising, and, although dollars don't go very far when one is purchasing national advertising, we plan to use it on the RFD-TV network around their various country music programs. The idea is to encourage outsiders to come to Nebraska for this event. Let's hope it works!

Roger Tibbs, our singer friend from New Zealand and his wife Denise, will be hanging out with us from MusicFest time until about October 15th. If you have an idea for a show that Roger and Tex & Mary might do in your community, either a gospel music program or a regular country concert, do let us know. We'd like to keep him busy enough to make back some of the cash the trip over is costing them. If you have an idea for a fun place for them to visit while they're here, we'd love to hear about that as well!

We'll see you at the various festivals this summer, and hope you'll be able to attend some of our concerts as well, starting with the big show at the Smith Center, Kansas, High School on June 4th. We're sharing the stage with a group called New Pioneers and some very talented teen entertainers as well. Hope to see you there!

Until then, we wish you all the best. Keep it country!!

----Tex & Mary

Tex & Mary's Summer 2010 Performance Schedule

Friday, June 4, 7:30 p.m.

.....Concert, Smith Center,
Kansas, High School Auditorium.
www.cedar-depot-festival.com

Saturday, June 5, various
times...Cedar Depot Festival,
Cedar, Kansas

Sunday, June 6, 2 p.m.

.....Country & Gospel Concert,
Zion Lutheran Parish Hall,
Pickrell, Nebraska. 402-228-0137

Saturday, June 12.....Anniversary Party, Manhattan, Kansas.
Private.

Saturday, June 19.....Robertson Family Reunion, Elmwood,
Nebraska. Private.

Sunday, June 20....Nebraska Christian Music Festival,
Hastings, Nebraska, Brickyard Park

Thursday-Sunday, June 24-27..Wahoo Country Music Show
www.wahocountrymusicshow.com

July 10 & 11...Riverside Festival, Crete, Nebraska

July 22-25..... "The Rally" Good Sam's National RV Rally,
Louisville, Kentucky

July 30 & 31...Burton's Bend Music Festival, Holbrook,
Nebraska

August.....In Nebraska, working on MusicFest promotion.
Open for shows. Send an e-mail inquiry if you'd like us to do a
show in your area.

August 10, 7 p.m....The Grand Theater, 315 W. 3rd St., Grand
Island, Nebraska...MusicFest promo show with Elton Flodman.

September 2-4.....National Traditional Old-time Music
Festival, LeMars, Iowa

September 9-11.....Miles of Memories Country MusicFest,
Hastings, Nebraska.

September 18.....Curt Shoemaker's Festival, Jewell, Kansas.

September 19, 2 p.m......Gospel Music Program (with Roger
Tibbs, our New Zealand friend), Clay Center, Kansas

September 26, 2 p.m....Concert with Roger Tibbs, City
Auditorium, Tekamah, Nebraska

September, early October..... Working on additional shows to
present for and with Roger Tibbs.

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October 2, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m....Midwest Country Theater,
Sandstone, MN. Roger Tibbs joins us for this TV taping.

October 5, 7 p.m....Concert with Roger Tibbs, Huck Boyd
Performance Center, Phillipsburg, Kansas

October 8, 7 p.m....Roger Tibbs Show at Oak Tree Opry,
Anita, IA.



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___ A Whole Lot Country

___ Black Dirt & Blue Denim

___ Headin' Home (Gospel)

___ Let My Life Be a Light
(Gospel)

___ Tell the Story (Gospel)

Songtrack CD

___ On My Father's Side
(Songtrack, \$10 ea.)

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Pricing

Regular CDs are \$14 each or 2 for \$25, 3 for \$33, 5 for \$50. Complete set of Regular CDs **with** the "30 Years" CD is \$135. Complete set of Regular CDs **without** the "30 Years" CD is \$115. Add \$2 for the first CD and \$1 for each additional CD to cover shipping and handling. Please allow 3 to 4 weeks for delivery of your products.

Miles of Memories Country MusicFest

September 9, 10 & 11, 2010

Adams County Fairgrounds, Hastings, Nebraska

ADVANCE TICKETS PURCHASE

(Advance Ticket sales from June 1 through August 31, 2010)

The first 100 purchasers of Full Festival Passes will receive reserved seating at the Main Stage.

Discounted Prices for Advance Sales Tickets: Full Festival Passes...\$40
Day Passes...\$18 Afternoon-only Passes...\$10 each day (good Noon to 5 p.m.)
Evening-only Passes...\$12 each evening (good after 5 p.m.)

Once your payment is received and processed, you will be sent a confirmation by mail. Tickets will be held in your Welcome Packet at the MusicFest.

Quantity of Each Ticket Type You Are Ordering

___ Full Festival Passes

___ Day Passes (Circle day needed) Thursday, Friday, Saturday

___ Afternoon-only Passes (Circle dates needed) Thursday, Friday, Saturday

___ Evening-only Passes (Circle dates needed) Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Total Amount

for Tickets: \$ _____



Send your check and completed forms to Miles of Memories Productions, 479 FM 416, Streetman, TX 75859 or call us at 903-467-9545 and order your CDs or Tickets by telephone, using your Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card.

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