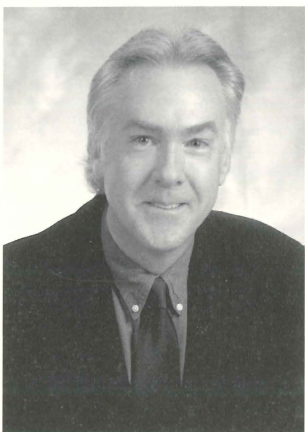


# Letter from the Director



The 2011 issue of the *Journal of Texas Music History* continues the Center for Texas Music History's long-standing tradition of documenting the rich and diverse musical heritage of the American Southwest. These articles, which examine both the geographic dimensions of Buddy Holly's touring career

and the evolution of the legendary Kerrville Folk Festival, provide important insight into how music has been an essential part of the social, cultural, and historical fabric of the state and the nation. (Back issues of the *Journal* are available online at: <http://www.txstate.edu/ctmh/publications/journal.html>)

In addition to the *Journal*, the Center remains involved in a variety of other research, publishing, and educational projects. Through Texas State University's History Department, the Center offers a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses on Texas music history. In collaboration with Texas A&M University Press, the Center also produces the award-winning book series, the *John and Robin Dickson Series in Texas Music*. In addition, the Center is currently working with the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum to organize a major exhibit on Texas music scheduled to run from March through October 2012.

The Center's popular NPR series, *This Week in Texas Music History*, is now broadcast on NPR affiliate stations across the state. The Center continues to work with the Texas State Historical Association, the Texas Music Office (in the Office of the Governor), and others to produce a revised and updated edition of the popular *Handbook of Texas Music*, which is scheduled for publication in 2012. Texas State University students have researched and written hundreds of articles for the *Handbook*. The Center also is organizing a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday tribute concert for legendary Texas singer-songwriter Guy Clark at Austin's Long Center for the Performing Arts on November 2, 2011.

The Center for Texas Music History has been recognized for its innovative work by such prestigious organizations as The Smithsonian Institution, PBS, NPR, The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, The National Endowment for the Humanities, *Billboard Magazine*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and many others.

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