

Thursday November 10: The 2011 Kerrville New Folk Winners



Now in its fortieth year, the Kerrville Folk Festival is one of the world's premier destinations for folk music fans and performers, and the New Folk competition is a perennial favorite part of festival. In the interest of identifying the best up-and-coming songwriters, eight hundred entries were narrowed down to thirty-two finalists, putting them in the company of The Flatlanders, Lucinda Williams, Steve Earle, Nanci Griffith, Tish Hinojosa, Lyle Lovett, Robert Earl Keen Jr., James McMurtry, Jimmy LaFave, Shawn Colvin, and Slaid Cleaves. Despite the brutal heat and mid-afternoon time slot, the 2011 finalists played to a packed house of musicians and music fans. After the fun but difficult job of listening to and evaluating each performer, judges Michael Camp, JohnSmith, and Patrice Pike selected this year's six winners: Mai Bloomfield, Megan Burt, David Moss, Cassie Peterson, Grace Pettis, and A.J. Roach. Five of the six (Burt, Moss, Peterson, Pettis, and Roach) are touring central Texas house concerts and listening rooms, and will play at Open Ears Concerts on Thursday night before ending the tour on Friday with a performance at the Rice Festival in Fischer. The tour is sponsored by the Texas Folk Music Foundation and Cabin 10, Inc.

\$15 suggested donation, but no one will be turned away.

Artist websites: www.meganburt.com, www.mosssongs.com, www.cassiepeterson.com,
www.gracepettis.com, www.roachmusic.com

Nov. 11-13: Northeast Regional Folk Alliance

Open Ears Concerts will host a showcase at NERFA on Saturday November 12. The lineup (in order of appearance): Jeff Talmadge, Rob Lytle, The Better Halves, Friction Farm, Rebecca Loebe, and Beth Wood.

December 2: Twilight Hotel w/Paper Moon Shiners

January 13: The Steel Wheels w/Susan Herndon

February 10: The Flyin' A's w/Danny Britt

March 10: The Honey Dewdrops

April 14: Threesifty Duo