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**** 22nd Annual Old Settler's Music Festival ****

Salt Lick BBQ Pavilion and Camp Ben McCulloch on the southern edge of Austin, TX

Thursday, April 16 - Sunday, April 19, 2009

www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org

****Where music meets the Hill Country****

For Immediate Release:

(Austin, TX ; February 18, 2009) - Old Settler's Music Festival (OSMF), the nationally celebrated music festival featuring renowned roots, bluegrass and Americana music in the heart of the hill country, is looking forward to celebrating its 22nd year on April 16 - 19, 2009. We're proud to have **Robert Earl Keen** make his first appearance at Old Settler's this year," Festival Co-President Jean Spivey said, "We had heard that Robert wanted to play our festival and we were lucky enough to make it work." Another notable "first appearances" is a full band appearance by the **BoDeans**

Included in this year's stew of bluegrass, roots and Americana OSMF features two other well known Texas songwriters -- **Ray Wylie Hubbard** in a rare appearance with full band and rising star **Hayes Carll**, whose album "Trouble in Mind" landed on many critics Top 10's of 2008. .

The bluegrass tradition is alive and well at OSMF with **The Greencards, Blue Highway, The Travelin' McCoury's, The Gibson Brothers, Sarah Jarosz, The Lovell Sisters, the Belleville Outfit** and **Spring Creek**. While both play their own sets, **The Travelin' McCoury's** oldtime bluegrass and the sacred steel sounds of **The Lee Boys** team up for an unbelievable high energy performance. "The Lovell Sisters were one of the highlights of last year's North American Folk Alliance Conference. The other hit, **Stonehoney**, is also at the festival this year, " said Spivey.

A former festival favorite **Fred Eaglesmith** returns to OSMF after a long absence. "Since Gruene Hall didn't do a FredFest this year, we thought it would be great to have Fred return," said Spivey. Another festival regular **Vince Herman** (formerly of **Leftover Salmon**) brings his new group **Great American Taxi** to the party. **Green Mountain Grass** adds more jam to the mix as **does locals Flounders Without Eyes**. Slim Richey's good time **Jitterbug Vipers** and the **Rockin' Gospel Project** also return.

Former Blaster **Dave Alvin** has put together a stunning group of "**Guilty Women**" that debuted at Hardly Strictly Bluegrass in San Francisco last year. That group features guitar virtuosos **Cindy Cashdollar** and **Nina Gerber**, the superb vocalist **Christy McWilson**, the soulful violinists **Laurie Lewis** and **Amy Farris**, legendary bassist **Sarah Brown** and renowned drummer **Lisa Pankratz**. Look for new album from **Dave Alvin and the Guilty Women** in May.

Louisiana is well represented with the best Cajun band in the world **BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet** and **Marc Broussard's "Bayou Soul"**, a mix of [funk](#), [blues](#), [R&B](#), [rock](#), and [pop](#), matched with distinct [Southern](#) roots.

This year, Old Settler's extends its "roots" with renowned artists from Scotland – Swing experts **Stretch Dawson and Gemma Hayes** team up with **Lone Star Swing** and Gaelic enchantress **Julie Fowlis**, Denmark – **One-Eyed Mule**, and Canada – last year's hit **Blackie and the Rodeo Kings**. . :

There are many other artists -- including one of our first Youth Contest winners **Sarah Jarosz**. Sarah has made her impact on the bluegrass world playing with Sam Bush, Mike Marshall, and other bluegrass notables. The 2008 winner of the competition, the **Fireants**, will also be back -- this young band has already been dubbed one of "the best young bands in Austin."

The festival is known for its family-friendly atmosphere - a family camping area as well as many daytime activities for kids. Held in the gorgeous Texas hill country, at the height of the Bluebonnet and wildflower season, Old Settler festival-goers can enjoy comfortable and spacious campgrounds of Camp Ben McCulloch, performance workshops, a youth talent contest, children's activities, unique artisans and vendors and lack of big lines or crowds. "Camping has grown into a huge part of the Old Settler's scene. Music jams take place day and night. Anyone who can play can find a group to jam with at the campgrounds," said Spivey.

While Old Settler's will be adding a few bands in the coming weeks, **the updated lineup by day** is below:

Thursday

The Gourds * Blackie and the Rodeo Kings * The Gibson Brothers

Great American Taxi (with Vince Herman from Leftover Salmon) * Jitterbug Vipers

FRIDAY

The BoDeans * The Greencards * Hayes Carll * BeauSoleil avec Michael Doucet * Blue Highway * The Gibson Brothers

Great American Taxi * One-Eyed Mule * Julie Fowlis * Blackie & the Rodeo Kings * Flounders without Eyes

SATURDAY

Robert Earl Keen * Dave Alvin & the Guilty Women * Travelin' McCoury's * BoDeans * Fred Eaglesmith * Marc Broussard *

Ray Wylie Hubbard * The Lee Boys * Green Mountain Grass * The Belleville Outfit * Sarah Jarosz * The Lovell Sisters

One-Eyed Mule * Stonehoney * Lone Star Swing with Stretch Dawson & Gemma Hayes * Spring Creek * The Fireants

SUNDAY

Fred Eaglesmith * The Lovell Sisters * Stonehoney * Spring Creek * The Rockin' Gospel Project

EARLY BIRD TICKET DEADLINE IS February 28. Single Day tickets will go on sale at that time.

BUY EARLY & SAVE. Camping tickets will sell out.

Tickets are available at both

www.oldsettlersmusicfestival.org & www.frontgatetickets.com (service charges apply)

For prices go to: www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org/tickets

In its past 21 years, Old Settler's Music Festival has delivered one of the best festival experiences in the state with amazing performances from Joan Osborne, Iris DeMent, Michelle Shocked, Bruce Hornsby, Yonder Mountain String Band, Patty Griffin, Nickel Creek, Alison Krauss and Union Station, Bela Fleck, Rodney Crowell, Vassar Clements, Del McCoury, Natalie McMasters, Kasey Chambers and local favorites like Slaid Cleaves, the South Austin Jug Band, The Gourds, Jimmy LaFave and the Austin Lounge Lizards.

Ed Crowell of The Austin American Statesman raves, "Who knew? Austin can throw a music festival — three stages, 25 acts, four days — minus suffocating crowds, lines for everything from admission to potties...No pressure of wristband vs. badges or rushing to get to a stage in time to establish a sight line and find a patch of earth...Old Settler's is a festival that's found the perfect mix of acts, manageable crowds, April breezes along the banks of Onion Creek and music that dares to wear a happy face."

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