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Country Music: Get ready for a 'Ball'

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There is only one live country music event which might be called "major" on this week's schedule but, fortunately, it is loaded with the very best of our own locally based talent, including a trio who are so successful on the road that we seldom get to hear them: Townes Van Zandt, Dee Moeller, and Rick Stein.

The "biggie" of course is the "Austin Longhorn Ball" Sunday night with Willie Nelson plus Alvin Crow and the Pleasant Valley Boys. Doug Sahm will appear with Crow's band. Municipal Auditorium will be cleared of seats and set up with tables and chairs and a big dance floor. What is being billed as the "Biggest Dance in Austin" will start at 8 p.m.

Beer, wine, and setups will be on sale but not mixed drinks.

That fine young bluegrass band, the Rocky River Boys, are at the Split Rail Friday night. Clifton Chenier, the "King of Zydeco," and his Cajun band close out a week at Antone's Friday through Saturday. Townes Van Zandt closes at Castle Creek Friday and Saturday, and Brushy Creek Saloon at Round Rock is justifiably proud to have Dee Moeller there Friday and Saturday, while Rick Stein and the Alley Cats appear at the Chicken Ranch.

I repeatedly have urged everyone to go hear Rainy Day Store. No matter what your taste in music, you are sure to enjoy this superb group. But you'd better hurry. Rainy Day Store appears at the Chelsea Street Pub in Northcross Mall Friday and Saturday, then Monday through Friday next week. They won't be back in Austin until January, after an extensive tour to El Paso and Tucson. The group recently added David McGary on bass and fiddle.

Amusements

Armadillo World Headquarters offers an enticing twin bill Wednesday night featuring Alvin Crow and the Pleasant Valley Boys plus Marcia Ball and the Misery Brothers.

Wheatfield, the Houston-based group whose excellent music had led Austin fans to take them to their hearts like one of our own, returns to Castle Creek Thursday through Saturday. Like Rainy Day Store, this is the kind of group which appeals to almost any lover of any type of good music.

Country Calendar

(Compiled from information furnished by musicians, club owners, and agents)

Friday only — Rocky River Boys (bluegrass) at Split Rail, Dennis Ivey at El Paso Cattle Co., Country Edition at Broken Spoke, Velvets at Dotsau, Moods of Country Music at Rockin' M, Jerry Green at Skyline, O'Dell Brothers at Chaparral.

Friday through Sunday — Clifton Chenier at Antone's (through Sunday), Plum Nelly at Alliance Wagonyard, Townes Van Zandt at Castle Creek, Dee Moeller at Brushy Creek Saloon (Round Rock), Rainy Day Store at Chelsea Street Pub (Northcross Mall), Rick Stein and the Alley Cats at Chicken Ranch, Buddy Wilson and Southern Rights at Brass Key.

Saturday only — Texas Swingsters at El Paso Cattle Co., Country Nu-Notes at Rockin' M, Shirley Hester at Broken Spoke, Double Shot at Lago Vista, Brad George at Split Rail, Moods of Country Music at Rockin' M.

Sunday — Willie Nelson and Alvin Crow with Doug Sahm for "Austin Longhorn Ball" dance at Municipal Auditorium, Clifton Chenier at Antone's, Jerry Green at Skyline, Dennis Ivey at El Paso Cattle Co. (all Band Hour 12:30 p.m.) plus Plum Nelly (8:30 p.m.) at Split Rail, Dennis Ivey at El Paso Cattle Co., Double Shot at Lago Vista, Milton Carroll at Alliance Wagonyard, Streets at Chaparral.

Monday only — Bill Neely and Larry Kirby with John Mosier at Split Rail, Lonnie and Friends jam at Chicken Ranch, Alice Kinsfrau and City Lights at Deep Creek, Bill and Bonnie Hearne at Alliance Wagonyard.

Monday through Wednesday — Silver City Saddle Tramps at Castle Creek.

Monday through Saturday — Rainy Day Store at Chelsea Street Pub (Northcross Mall).

Tuesday only — Kurt Van Sickle at Chicken Ranch, Mexican concerto (country) music at Split Rail, Country Music Revue at El Paso Cattle Co., Balcones Fault at Alliance Wagonyard.

Wednesday — Kenneth Threadgill at Split Rail, Country Music at El Paso Cattle Co., Greezy Wheels at Deep Creek, Alvin Crow plus Marcia Ball at Armadillo, Pecos City Five at Chicken Ranch or at Brushy Creek Saloon, Country Corporation at Rockin' M, Spoke, Plum Nelly at Alliance Wagonyard.

Thursday only — Jerry and Sizzy at Brushy Creek Saloon, Blue Horizon at Chicken Ranch, Sons of Cajun Crawdaddy at Split Rail, Country Music Revue at El Paso Cattle Co., Jerry Green at Broken Spoke, Marcia Ball at Alliance Wagonyard.

Thursday through Saturday — Wheatfield at Castle Creek.

Country Pickin's

Chart Action: Singles — Willie Nelson's "Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain" from number 3 to 2. Asleep at the Wheel's "The Letter That Johnny Walker Read" from 54 up to 43 with a bullet. Albums — Willie's "Redheaded Stranger" stays at number 2. Asleep's "Texas Gold" from 32 up to 26 with a bullet. Jerry Jeff's Walker's "Ridin' High" a new entry on the chart this week at number 69...

Kinky Friedman and the Texas Jewboys, after their gig at Armadillo, traveled to Houston this week to record a new album at Huey Meaux's Sugar Hill Studios...

And Huey recently issued two interesting albums on his Crazy Cajun label. One is "Floyd Tillman — Golden Hits." It contains "Slippin' Around" and "I Love You So Much It Hurts Me," both classics and the biggest hits written and recorded by Floyd. The other LP is "Big Mamou" recorded by the late "Papa" Link Davis, featuring the title cut, his most popular composition. If you listened to the album without knowing who recorded it, you'd swear you were hearing Doug Sahm. Sahm, long-time friend of Link Davis Jr., was strongly influenced by Papa Link of course...

Last weekend my oldest daughter Elaine, who insists she be called simply Miller, moved to Nashville. She will be working there with Tompall and Chuck Glaser and Waylon Jennings in their Nova management and booking agency and Baron music publishing firms. Elaine, incidentally, is the young lady being serenaded in the widely published Lone Star Beer ad recently...

When Rusty Wier switched to rock music, he broke my heart. Rusty is one of the finest individual entertainers I have ever known, and I loved him with the simple backing of Layton DePenning and John Inmon, letting Rusty's talent and personality shine through. Yet, even at the time he switched, I knew he was right — commercially if not artistically. A couple of years ago you could hear Rusty in Austin frequently for no cover charge. He was playing local clubs for $50 or $100 — or less. Wednesday night at Armadillo he drew probably 1200 or more fans at $3.50-$4.50 each! For years the "pride of Manchaca" paid his dues here. Now Austin has giving him his hard-earned rewards...

Plum Nelly got wrong due to them! Southern Living Magazine hired a movie production crew out of New York City to film a documentary on southern life, and the crew in turn contracted with Plum Nelly to film them and their music in the Austin area last Monday. The crew showed up, then suddenly phoned Bill Stoner and told him the deal was off, after Plum Nelly had idled themselves all weekend to work with the filming crew...

T. Godley Thornton has an excellent new single (in stereo!) on the Hill Country label, with "Thirteen Times" backed by an oil filed song "Dog House Blues." He wrote both. Coincidentally, Steve Welchert also is singing an oil field song around town, called "Kelly." Wonder why we haven't heard more songs about petroleum workers in country music through the years...

An album on the Warner Brothers label by Ray Wylie Hubbard and the Cowboy Twinkies is due out any day now...

Asleep at the Wheel, after joining Willie for a concert in Nashville last week end, left this week for another extended tour of California and the Rocky Mountain area. Included will be eleven appearances with none other than Johnny Rodriguez. After playing at Nashville's annual "disc jockey convention" in mid-October, where they have been noted one of five finalists for Vocal Group of the Year honors in the presitigious annual Country Music Association awards, they will return to appear with Rodriguez at College Station Oct. 24. Then it's home at Armadillo Oct. 25...

Some time ago Joe Gracey and I both became interested in Mexican conjunto music, developed by Chicanos in South Texas as a sort of Mexican "country music." Neither Joe nor I knew of the other's interest until by coincidence we both wrote about it in separate publications the same week! Joe has gone on to become perhaps the nation's leading authority on the subject. He introduces the music and the fascinating bajo sexto instrument to the nation in an article in the new November issue of Country Music Magazine.

(Townsend Miller's country music column appears each Friday in the American-Statesman.)

Geoffrey Holder moves to film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Geoffrey Holder, Tony-winning director and costume designer of Broadway's "The Wiz," will shift his multiple talents to films. He will costar and choreograph dance in "Swashbuckler."

Holder joins the cast of the Universal pirate film, which will star Robert Shaw, James Earl Jones, Beau Bridges, Peter Boyle and Genevieve Bujold. Holder, whose previous films were "Live and Let Die" and "Doctor Dolittle," will portray a knife thrower who frees a pirate band from prison.

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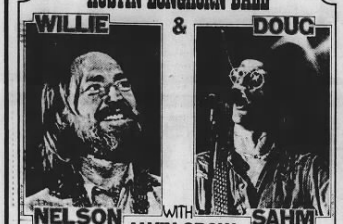
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