

Townes Van Zandt/ Patsy Foster

Townes Van Zandt doesn't make it to these parts too often, so this is an event. The legendary Texas songwriter will do two shows at the Tin Angel on Saturday, with ubiquitous local C&W diva Patsy Foster — recently cited in *Billboard's* list of the 10 best unsigned acts in America — opening.

Van Zandt is often spoken of in the same breath as his perfectionist Lone Star compadre Guy Clark, and the two wizened masters do have their similarities. If anything, though, Van Zandt's songs are darker: *No Deeper Blue* (Sugar Hill), Van Zandt's newest album and one of the best of his career, is an oftentimes creepy collection of gothic tales full of skeletons come to life and men with no real choices left.

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