

10th Oak Grove Music Festival Features Hamilton, Van Zandt

VERONA (Special) — The 10th annual Oak Grove Music Festival features George Hamilton IV, a long-time member of the Grand Old Opry, and Townes Van Zandt, a fre-

quently recorded singer-songwriter.

Theater Wagon of Staunton sponsors the festival, to be held Aug. 5 through 7 here at Oak Grove Theatre.

Festival artists also include The Southern Mountain Melody Makers, The Spring Gap Hellbenders, Tom Espinola and Lorraine Duisit, Ginny Hawker and Kay Justice with Ben Hawker, Bill Wellington, and Windfall.

They represent a spectrum of styles from foot-stomping country music to traditional shape-note singing.

The weekend includes concerts Friday and Saturday nights, and a gospel sing featuring Hamilton on Sunday afternoon.

Dancing, in cooperation with Valley Country Dancers, will follow on Friday night and Sunday afternoon.

Audiences can choose from a variety of workshops (mini-concerts) on Saturday afternoon.

Hamilton has appeared on three continents and recorded two gold records and more than 50 albums, with the most recent being all-gospel.

Van Zandt's songs range from country hits to sensitive folk ballads.

The Southern Mountain Melody Makers are Mac and Jenny Traynham, a husband-



George Hamilton IV

and-wife duo who aim to preserve the tradition of duet harmony singing and spark memories of old-time country radio.

The Spring Gap Hellbenders, veterans of string bands such as Plank Road, Ace Weems and the Fat Meat Boys, The Rebel Yellers and the Cacaphones, have more than a dozen albums to their credit.

Espinola and Ms. Duisit sing and perform on harp, mandolin, guitar and percussion. Ms. Duisit appeared with Trapezoid around the world; Espinola was a member of New Morning String Band and Nothin' Doin'.

Ms. Hawker and Ms. Justice, with their special guest Ben Hawker, present the most traditional of Southern music: shape-note singing, primitive Baptist tunes, ballads, the modal harmonies of the Appalachian heart and foot-stomping gospel songs.

Bill Wellington is a storyteller, traditional musician on fiddle, flute and banjo, and caller and teacher of square and contra dances.

Windfall emphasizes harmonious blends of voices, instruments and styles from traditional ballads to rock and bluegrass.

Weekend tickets at \$20 may be ordered from Theater Wagon, Route 1, Box 192, Staunton, Va. 24401.

The festival has been sold out in advance for eight of its 10 years, and tickets for individual performances are not available.

For further information, call (703) 885-3008.

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