

Songwriters to sing at Guthrie Theater

MINNEAPOLIS — The Live at the Guthrie Series is proud to present an evening of exceptional songwriters, featuring Guy Clark, Townes Van Zandt, Lowen & Navarro and our own Spider John Koerner. Koerner, followed by the acoustic singer songwriter team of Lowen & Navarro will perform the first half, which begins at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 28.

Lowen & Navarro have been enjoying heavy airplay on Cities 97 with their "Walking on a Wire" on Chameleon Records and have an impressive list of credits that include songs recorded by The Bangles, Nils Rodgers, Dave Edmonds and others.

Our own musical treasure, Spider John Koerner of the venerable blues/folk trio Koerner, Ray & Glover will open the show. After a 15 minute intermission, get ready for the royalty of Texas songwriters, Townes Van Zandt and the one and only Guy Clark.

Van Zandt, a classic Texas character himself, has supplied

standout songs to singers including "Poncho & Lefty" (Willie Nelson) and "If I Needed You" (Emmy Lou Harris). Acclaimed as the Van Gogh of lyrics, Van Zandt has been a major influence on his buddy of 20 years, Guy Clark.

Guy Clark's legacy can be seen in the work of Lyle Lovett, Nanci Griffith and Michelle Shocked and remains the father figure of Texas songwriters. Best known for "L.A. Freeway" and "Desperadoes Waiting for a Train" (Jerry Jay Walker), Clark's lp "Old Friends" continues in this tradition of understated delivery and finely tuned musical poetry.

Don't miss this dream evening of exceptional songwriters, Spider John Koerner, Lowen & Navarro, Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark at the Guthrie Theater on Monday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$13 and \$15 and are available at the Guthrie Theater box office, 725 Vineland Place, Minneapolis, Minn. 55403 or call (612)377-2224.