



Townes Van Zandt ... coming to Stage Center

Poet-Musicians Set To Perform in City

Townes Van Zandt and Guy Clark, troubadours of Texas and poet-laureates of the great Southwest, will entertain at 8 p.m. March 21 at Stage Center, 400 W Sheridan.

Van Zandt will be accompanied by guitarist Mickey White, a 10-year crony, and Danny Silverman, who plays flute, lyricon and saxophone.

Van Zandt has produced eight critically acclaimed albums, few of which have achieved commercial success.

His work has, however, reached such folk singers as Steve Young, Doc Watson, and Robin and Linda Williams. He recently completed his latest album in Nashville, produced by Jack Clement.

Commercial breakthroughs finally surfaced for Van Zandt in 1981, when Don Williams and Emmylou Harris took "If I Needed You" to the top of the country charts.

Two years later, Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard chose "Pancho and Lefty" as the title track for their duet album. Their version of this mysterious song also hit the top of the country charts.

Guy Clark is a product of the "progressive" country movement of the '70s, with songs recorded by such C&W heavyweights as Johnny Cash ("The Last Gunfighter Ballad"), The Highwaymen ("Desperados Waiting For a Train"), Bobby Bare ("New Cut Road"), Jerry Jeff Walker ("L.A. Freeway"), Johnny Rodriguez ("Fools for Each Other") and Ricky Skaggs ("Heartbroke").

For ticket information, call 239-7333.