

## Mark Your Calendars

The 9th annual Americana Music Festival and Conference will be held Sept. 17-20, 2008, at the Nashville Convention Center. The association will begin accepting showcase submissions on Friday, Feb 1. Anyone interested must download the showcase application and send it with their submission. The application will be posted on the association's Web site the morning of Feb. 1. Conference early-bird registrations will also go on sale that day. Visit [www.americanamusic.org](http://www.americanamusic.org) for more details.

## Blues Foundation News

The Blues Foundation will present the **Blues Music Awards** for the first time in its 29-year history in the Mississippi Delta, the birthplace of the blues. Performers, industry representatives and fans from around the globe will celebrate the best in blues recording and performance from the previous year on May 8 at the Grand Casino Event Center in Tunica Resorts, Miss.

Voting for the nominations and tickets sales for the event opened as of Dec. 13. For more information, visit [www.blues.org](http://www.blues.org).

## SXSW Tidbits

It is never too soon to start thinking about **South By Southwest**, and details of the 2008 gathering to be held March 12-16 in Austin are beginning to emerge: Legendary Sire Records president **Seymour Stein** will be featured in a special interview, and recording artist **Daryl Hall** will be a featured speaker. **Lou Reed** has also been named a keynote speaker in conjunction with a screening of Julian Schnabel's film "Lou Reed's 'Berlin.'"

Further, composer Steve Reich, Sonic Youth's **Thurston Moore** and Ticketmaster CEO **Steve Moriarty** are confirmed for interviews.

Meanwhile, the artist-showcase admissions are currently being reviewed and the list of over 1,500 acts will soon be revealed. For more information, log on to [www.sxsw.com](http://www.sxsw.com).

## Americana Artist Spotlight



### The Gougers 'A Long Day For The Weathervane' (*Weathervane*)

Formerly known as the Sidehill Gougers, this Texas-based quartet features the songwriting and singing talents of Jamie Wilson and Shane

Walker, ably backed by the rhythm section of John Ross Silva and Cody Foots. But unlike many of the artists of the Lonestar State, these folks are light on the bravado and heavy on lyrical eloquence and tasteful musical arrangements.

The Gougers released their debut, "Runaway Scrap," back in 2003 and contributed a song to Palo Duro's 2006 compilation, "Texas Unplugged: Vol. 2," but frankly they have really hit just their stride with the Keith Gattis-produced "A Long Day for the Weathervane."

Just about every song on the album is a keeper, but I particularly like "Manheim Station," "Rosaline," "Everybody Knows" and "Sleeping Pills."

## Artist Tidbits

**Rosanne Cash** is recovering after undergoing successful brain surgery on Nov. 27, 2007 ... **Carlene Carter** will release "Stronger," her first album of new material since 1995, on Yep Roc early this year ... **Willie Nelson** is set to release "Moment of Forever" on Jan. 29. The album was produced by Kenny Chesney and Buddy Cannon ... **Alison Krauss** and **Robert Plant** have announced dates for their upcoming European tour, although details of their U.S. shows still have not been revealed ... **Steve Earle** will also be touring in Europe to support his latest album, "Washington Square Serenade." Singer-songwriter **Allison Moorer**, Earle's wife, will also perform on the tour. U.S. dates have been announced as well.

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# R&R Americana Albums



LW	TW	ARTIST Title Label(s)	Total Plays	+ / -	Cumulative Plays
1	1	<b>ROBERT PLANT &amp; ALISON KRAUSS</b> Raising Sand (Rouner) <b>589</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>7348</b>
2	2	<b>STEVE EARLE</b> Washington Square Serenade (New West) <b>523</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>9275</b>
3	3	<b>LEVON HELM</b> Dirt Farmer (Dirt Farmer/Vanguard) <b>469</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>4136</b>
4	4	<b>JOHN FOGERTY</b> Revival (Fantasy/CMG) <b>417</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>6201</b>
7	<b>5</b>	<b>RYAN BINGHAM</b> Mescalito (Lost Highway) <b>379</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>+43</b>	<b>3436</b>
5	6	<b>SHOOTER JENNINGS</b> The Wolf (Universal South) <b>326</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>3045</b>
6	7	<b>DWIGHT YOAKAM</b> Dwight Sings Buck (New West) <b>325</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>4154</b>
9	<b>8</b>	<b>C. TAYLOR &amp; C. RODRIGUEZ</b> Live From The Ruhr... (Train Wreck) <b>301</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>2488</b>
11	<b>9</b>	<b>THE GOUGERS</b> A Long Day For... (The Weathervane) <b>286</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>+6</b>	<b>2568</b>
8	10	<b>VARIOUS ARTISTS</b> Goin' Home: A Tribute... (Vanguard) <b>276</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>3855</b>
10	11	<b>LYLE LOVETT AND HIS...</b> It's Not Big It's Large (Lost Highway) <b>259</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>6707</b>
15	<b>12</b>	<b>WILL HOGE</b> Draw The Curtains (Rykodisc) <b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>+11</b>	<b>1914</b>
12	13	<b>EMMYLOU HARRIS</b> Songbird: Rare Tracks... (Rhino) <b>243</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>3877</b>
13	14	<b>KANE WELCH KAPLIN</b> Kane Welch Kaplin (Compass) <b>243</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>5933</b>
14	15	<b>MARY GAUTHIER</b> Between Daylight And Dark (Lost Highway) <b>217</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>3490</b>
26	<b>16</b>	<b>JESSE DAYTON &amp; B. LEIGH</b> Holdin' Our Own... (Stag) <b>216</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>+32</b>	<b>599</b>
16	17	<b>YARN</b> Yarn (Yarn) <b>203</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>2166</b>
17	18	<b>NEIL YOUNG</b> Chrome Dreams II (Reprise) <b>199</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>1567</b>
18	19	<b>TOM GILLAM</b> Never Look Back (Tree House) <b>198</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>2977</b>
28	<b>20</b>	<b>SETH WALKER</b> Seth Walker (Hyena) <b>198</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>899</b>
21	21	<b>BLUE RODEO</b> Small Miracles (Telesoul) <b>196</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>1728</b>
20	22	<b>BLEU EDMONDSON</b> Lost Boy (Smith) <b>195</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>1037</b>
23	23	<b>CROSS CANADIAN RAGWEED</b> Mission California (Universal South) <b>195</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>1177</b>
-	<b>24</b>	<b>WALT WILKINS AND THE MYSTIQUEROS</b> Diamonds... (Palo Duro) <b>192</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>+28</b>	<b>5658</b>
25	25	<b>EAGLES</b> Long Road Out Of Eden (ERC/Mercury/Lost Highway) <b>185</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>2909</b>
24	26	<b>THE SUBDUDES</b> Street Symphony (Back Porch/Manhattan/BLG) <b>173</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>8086</b>
27	27	<b>WILL KIMBROUGH</b> EP (Daphne) <b>166</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>2002</b>
29	28	<b>RYAN ADAMS</b> Easy Tiger (Lost Highway) <b>165</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>10835</b>
<b>Debut</b>	29	<b>CHUCK PROPHET</b> Soap & Water (Yep Roc) <b>163</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>2007</b>
22	30	<b>MERLE HAGGARD</b> The Bluegrass Sessions (McCoury) <b>160</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>2573</b>

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## MOST ADDED

ARTIST Title Label(s)	Adds
<b>TIFT MERRITT</b> Another Country (Fantasy/CMG)	11
<b>ERIC LINDELL</b> Low On Cash, Rich In Love (Alligator)	8
<b>MANDO SAENZ</b> Bucket (Carnival)	5
<b>SHELBY LYNNE</b> Just A Little Lovin' (Lost Highway)	4
<b>REVEREND ORGANDRUM</b> Hi Fi Stereo (Yep Roc)	4
<b>ROBERT HILL</b> My Corner (Slide On Rye)	4
<b>ROOMFUL OF BLUES</b> Rasin' A Ruckus (Alligator)	4
<b>SAM BUSH</b> On The Road (Sugar Hill)	2
<b>SETH WALKER</b> Seth Walker (Hyena)	2
<b>GREG BROWN</b> Yellow Dog (Red House)	2
<b>J.J.CALE</b> Rewind: The Unreleased Recordings (Time Life)	2
<b>JACK JOHNSON</b> Sleep Through... (Brushfire/Universal republic)	2
<b>JESSE DAYTON &amp; B. LEIGH</b> Holdin' Our Own And Other... (Stag)	2
<b>LARRY CORDLE &amp; LONESOME...</b> Took Down... (Lonesome Dog)	2
<b>C. BRASHEAR &amp; P. MCLAUGHLIN</b> So Long Arizona (Dog Boy)	2
<b>MARAH</b> Angels Of Destruction! (Yep Roc)	2
<b>MARCUS ELDRIDGE</b> Bring On The Night (Smith)	2
<b>TOMMY ALVERSON</b> Country To The Bone (Palo Duro)	2
<b>VARIOUS ARTISTS</b> Always Lift Him Up... (Proper American)	2

## R&R Going For Adds

1/14

<b>ARLEN ROTH</b> Toolin' Around Woodstock (Aquinnah)
<b>MANDO SAENZ</b> Bucket (Carnival)
<b>MARAH</b> Angels Of Destruction (Yep Roc)
<b>REVEREND ORGANDRUM</b> Hi Fi Stereo (Yep Roc)
<b>ROBERT HILL</b> My Corner (Slide On Rye)
<b>AMANDA SHAW</b> Pretty Runs Out (Rouner)
<b>DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS</b> Brighter Than Creation's Dark (New West)
<b>ERIC LINDELL</b> Low On Cash (Alligator)
<b>JASON RINGENBERG</b> Best Tracks & Side Tracks (Yep Roc)
<b>MARS ARIZONA</b> Hello Cruel World (Big Barn)
<b>RAY BONNEVILLE</b> Roll It Down (Red House)
<b>ROOMFUL OF BLUES</b> Rasin' A Ruckus (Alligator)
<b>STEVE POLTZ</b> Traveling (98 Pounder/30 Tigers)
<b>TIFT MERRITT</b> Another Country (Fantasy/Concord)

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