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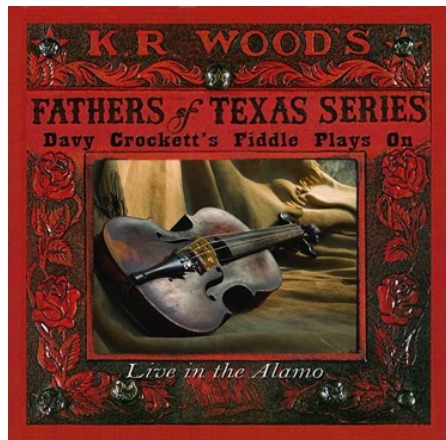
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## **K.R. Wood to breathe life into Texas Revolution through songs and stories at the Alamo and across the state**

Acclaimed singer/songwriter/historian K.R. Wood - who recorded a landmark CD with Davy Crockett's fiddle inside the Alamo Shrine - will perform a series of concerts at the Alamo and across the state during celebrations of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Texas Revolution.

Free public performances include:

- Wednesday, March 2, noon-1 p.m. at the Capitol Rotunda in Austin with school children performing a portion of the "Fathers of Texas" musical
- Thursday, March 3, 2-3 p.m. in front of the Alamo with school children performing the entire "Fathers of Texas" musical
- Friday, March 4, 1-3 p.m. at Sabinal County



## **K.R. Wood schedule for celebrations of 175th Anniversary of Texas Revolution**

**Wednesday, March 2, noon-1 p.m.: Texas State Capitol Rotunda, Celebration of Texas Independence Day.** For the eighth year, Electra Lone Star Kids will perform a portion of the "Fathers of Texas" musical with K.R. Wood. The children are students at Electra Middle School and Dinsmore Elementary School, which Wood attended, in Electra, Texas, a town of about 3,000 people some 30 miles west of Wichita Falls. Free to the public.

**Thursday, March 3, 2-3 p.m., in front of the Alamo:** For the eighth year, Electra Lone Star Kids will perform the entire "Fathers of Texas" musical with K.R. Wood. The children are students at Electra Middle School and Dinsmore Elementary School, which Wood attended, in Electra, Texas, a town of about 3,000 people some 30 miles west of Wichita Falls. Free to the public.

**Friday, March 4, 1-3 p.m., Sabinal County Museum, Utopia:** Solo performance by K.R. Wood of his "Texas History School Show" for Utopia school students. Includes Dutch oven cooking

- Museum, Utopia
- Saturday, March 5, noon-2:30 p.m. at Luckenbach
  - Saturday, March 5, 4-5 p.m. at the Alamo's Cavalry Courtyard
  - Saturday, March 5, 7:30-10 p.m., Landmark Restaurant at The Crockett Hotel.
  - Sunday, March 6, 4-5 p.m. on the grounds of the Alamo
  - For the complete schedule, please see the column at right

On Sunday, March 6, Wood will perform at a rare, invitation-only commemoration inside the Alamo Shrine.

For the eighth year, Wood and the Electra Lone Star Kids will perform the "Fathers of Texas" musical from 2-3 p.m. Thursday, March 3, in front of the Alamo. They also will perform a portion of the musical at the Capitol Rotunda from noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, March 2.

Dressed in period costumes and outfitted with wooden rifles and cardboard cutouts, the children are students at Electra Middle School and Dinsmore Elementary School, which Wood attended, in Electra, a town of about 3,000 people some 30 miles west of Wichita Falls.

Wood also is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Fathers of Texas" series of five CDs - "Fathers of Texas," "Davy Crockett's Fiddle Plays On, Live at the Alamo," "Crockett Chronicles," "Los Tejanos" and "Camp Cookie & The Cow Camp Review."

The concert series "Fathers of Texas 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Tour" will launch at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Alamo's Cavalry Courtyard with guests from the original recording including Shake Russell, T. Gozney Thornton, Steven Fromholz and Doug Moreland.

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demonstration. Free to the public.

**Friday, March 4, 6:30-10 p.m., Spanish Governor's Mansion, San Antonio:** K.R. Wood and the Gone to Texas Band will perform at The Alamo Party hosted by Joan Headley for Friends of the Alamo, historians and re-enactors. Invitation only.

**Saturday, March 5, 9-10 a.m., "Talk About Texas with Roy Holley," KKYX, 680-AM:** K.R. Wood music/interview segment on live radio show broadcast from the grounds of the Alamo on the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Alamo. Includes songs from the "Fathers of Texas" CD series. Free to the public.

**Saturday, March 5, noon-2:30 p.m., Luckenbach Texas Independence Day Celebration:** K.R. Wood and the Gone to Texas Band will perform music from the "Fathers of Texas" historical CD series, which is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Free to the public.

**Saturday, March 5, 4-5 p.m., Cavalry Courtyard at The Alamo:** 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Alamo event. K.R. Wood and the Gone to Texas Band will kick off the "Fathers of Texas 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Tour," celebrating the release of the first in a series of five CDs, with special guests from the original recording - Shake Russell, T. Gozney Thornton, Steven Fromholz and Doug Moreland.

**Saturday, March 5, 7:30-10**

## About K.R. Wood



Noted singer/songwriter/historian K.R. Wood breathes life to legends through shows and songs.

Wood made history himself. He was the first artist allowed to perform and record an album inside the Shrine of the Alamo. To accompany his blend of original and traditional tunes of the period, he used the Davy Crockett fiddle borrowed from San Antonio's Witte Museum.

"It's a very sacred feeling playing at the Alamo," Wood said. "The feeling is pure Texas. You realize you might be playing guitar where somebody died. It's sacred ground. It's church."

Officially "adopted" by the descendants of Davy Crockett and nominated for Texas Musician of the Year in 2009 by the Texas Commission for the Arts, Wood is celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Fathers of Texas" series of five CDs - "Fathers of Texas," "Davy Crockett's Fiddle Plays On, Live at the Alamo," "Crockett Chronicles," "Los Tejanos" and "Camp Cookie & The Cow Camp Review."

### **p.m., Landmark Restaurant at The Crockett Hotel:**

Alamo Jam with K.R. Wood and the Gone to Texas Band. Free to the public.

### **Sunday, March 6, Buckhorn Museum, 11 a.m.-noon, Lunch with Alamo Defenders**

**Descendants Association:** K.R. Wood acoustic performance. Invitation only.

**Sunday, March 6 (day the Alamo fell), 4-5 p.m., Alamo grounds:** 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Alamo event for the Alamo Mission Chapter of the Daughters of Republic of Texas. K.R. Wood and the Gone to Texas Band. Free to the public.

### **Sunday, March 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Alamo Hall at the Alamo:**

Daughters of the Republic of Texas Alamo Missions Chapter Reception. Acoustic performance by K.R. Wood and the Gone to Texas Band. Invitation only

### **Sunday, March 6, 6-7:30 p.m., Inside The Alamo Shrine:**

Alamo Defenders Descendants Association Ceremony. K.R. Wood solo acoustic performance. Invitation only.

### **Sunday, March 20, 3-4:30 p.m., Bayou Bend Collections & Gardens,**

**Houston:** K.R. Wood and the Gone to Texas Band's "Fathers of Texas 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Tour," celebrating the release of the first in a series of five CDs, with special guests from the original recording including Shake Russell and T. Gozney Thornton. Free to the public.

Wood includes a stellar cast of fellow Texas artists in the series including the late Townes Van Zandt, Delbert McClinton, Guy Clark, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Gary P. Nunn, Steven Fromholz, Tom T. Hall, Red Steagall, Shake Russell and Guich Koock.

The concert series "Fathers of Texas 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Tour" will launch at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Alamo's Calvary Courtyard with guests from the original recording including Shake Russell, T. Gozney Thornton, Steven Fromholz and Doug Moreland.

Wood performs extensively throughout the state with up to an eight-piece band at venues including the Alamo and other historic sites, the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum, the George Bush Presidential Library, the Lost Pines Resort and numerous dance halls and fairs.

His "Fathers of Texas" CD series is approved curriculum used as teaching aids for fourth- and seventh-grade Texas history classes.

Wood's school programs entertain and educate through songs and stories, from the Texas Revolution through the cattle drives, and include tales of Tejano and African American heroes. Some programs include a complete cowboy camp with antique chuck wagon, tent, campfire, cooking utensils and Dutch ovens.

## What they're saying

"Wood and his compatriots did an excellent job with 'Fathers of Texas.' The songs are historically accurate. The performances are impassioned."

—Jim Beal Jr., **San Antonio Express-News**

"Beautifully written and recorded educational albums. The entire project is an inspirational tribute to our heritage and our courageous forefathers."

—Texas State Senate resolution

"K. R. Wood and his fellow musicians have helped us to

**Saturday, March 26, 9-10 a.m., Presidio La Bahia, Goliad:** "Talk About Texas with Roy Holley," KKYX, 680-AM: K.R. Wood music/interview segment on live radio show from the grounds of Presidio La Bahia in conjunction with the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Texas Independence. Includes songs from the "Fathers of Texas" CD series. Free to the public.

**Saturday, March 26, (time to be announced), Presidio La Bahia, Goliad:** Remember Texas Independence Celebration. K.R. Wood and the Gone to Texas Band will perform prior to the 26<sup>th</sup> annual Goliad Massacre Living History Program. Free to the public.

**Saturday, March 26, 4-7 p.m., Goliad County Fairgrounds:** Remember Texas Independence Celebration. K.R. Wood and the Gone to Texas Band. Free to the public.

**Friday, April 15, 5:30-8:30 p.m., San Jacinto Monument, La Porte:** San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Re-enactment. Cowboy singing around the campfire with K.R. Wood and other entertainers. Free to the public.

**Saturday, April 16, 9-10 a.m., San Jacinto Monument, La Porte:** "Talk About Texas with Roy Holley," KKYX, 680-AM: K.R. Wood music/interview segment on live radio show from the grounds of the San Jacinto Monument during the San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Re-enactment. Free to the public.

musically 'Remember the Alamo!' His performances at annual Alamo Society symposiums have been well received."

—**William R. Chemerka, founder, The Alamo Society**

"I have heard K.R. sing and know of his historical research in connection with his music. He will make a great contribution to Texas history with his work in music."

—**Dorman H. Winfrey, director and librarian of the Texas State Library**

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**Saturday, April 16, 1:30-3 p.m., San Jacinto Monument, La Porte:**

San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Re-enactment. K.R. Woodard the Gone to Texas Band's "Fathers of Texas 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Tour," celebrating the release of the first in a series of five CDs, with special guests from the original recording. Free to the public.

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