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Music Under the Star free concerts start July 11

Celebrate Texas music with Ray Benson, Carrie Rodriguez and more

JUNE 30, 2014 (AUSTIN, TX) — Celebrate Texas music and take a trip back to 1968 during the Bullock Texas State History Museum's 11th annual free summer concert series, Music Under the Star, beginning July 11. Bring your camp chairs and blankets (no coolers, please) and dance the evening away to a fantastic lineup of Texas artists, such as Ray Benson, Roky Erickson and Carrie Rodriguez. Music will take place on the museum's Lone Star Plaza from 6 to 9 p.m. for the last three weeks of July.

The Bullock Museum, located at the corner of MLK and North Congress Avenue, is proud to celebrate its eleventh season of outstanding Texas music with the free summer concerts sponsored by KUTX, Frost Bank, the Downtown Austin Alliance and Texas Music Water.

To complement [The 1968 Exhibit](#) now on view at the Bullock Museum, a new rotunda exhibit, *When Austin Got Weird*, will open at 6 pm July 11 during the first Music Under the Star concert. This exhibit features music posters by renowned local artists that helped define Austin's counterculture in the 1960s and 70s. Musical guests for the July 11 concert will include two bands that dominated that era, Shiva's Headband Experience and Roky Erickson.

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A pioneer of the psychedelic rock genre, Erickson was a founding member of the Austin-based 13th Floor Elevators and his 2010 album, *True Love Cast Out All Evil*, was nominated for a Grammy Award. Opening for Erickson will be Shiva's Headband Experience, bringing the psychedelic rock sounds inspired by the original Shiva's Headband that formed in 1967 and performed regularly at the Vulcan Gas Company and Armadillo World Headquarters.

On Friday, July 18, fiddler, singer and songwriter Carrie Rodriguez and San Antonio native Tish Hinojosa will take the stage to continue the series. Rodriguez, who has written, recorded and toured with a number of favorites, such as Lucinda Williams and Alejandro Escovedo, will perform songs from her fifth solo album, *Give Me All You Got*, and more. Hinojosa will open the show with her unique mix of traditional bluegrass and contemporary folk and Tex-Mex sounds.

Grammy-Award-winning frontman for the legendary western swing band, Asleep at the Wheel, Ray Benson will highlight the final Music Under the Star concert on Friday, July 25. With the release of his second solo album, Benson has teamed up with Austin jazz-grass string band, Milkdrive, to explore new frontiers in Texas music. Opening for Benson is another Grammy Award winner, Jason Roberts. Building on a lifetime working alongside western swing giants, Roberts has teamed up with world-class talents to launch The Jason Roberts Band.

During the outdoor concerts, visitors can cool off with beer, soda and more for sale on the plaza or shop in the Museum Store. For more, visit TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-8746. Look below for full 2014 lineup.

Music Under the Star 2014 Lineup

All concerts from 6-9 p.m. on the Bullock Museum Lone Star Plaza, 1800 N. Congress Ave. Free parking after 6 p.m. in the garage.

July 11 - The Bullock Celebrates 1968

[Roky Erickson](#)

A pioneer of the psychedelic rock genre, Roky Erickson was a founding member of the Austin-based 13th Floor Elevators and his 2010 album, *True Love Cast Out All Evil*, was nominated for a Grammy Award. Don't miss this uniquely Austin performance!

[The Shiva's Headband Experience](#)

Shiva's Headband Experience will open for Erickson. Celebrate 1968 with the psychedelic rock sounds inspired by this band formed in Austin in 1967 that played regularly at the Vulcan Gas Company and Armadillo World Headquarters. Join us for the opening of the Bullock Museum's new exhibit, *When Austin Got Weird*, exhibit from 6 to 7 pm.

July 18

[Carrie Rodriguez](#)

Fiddler, singer and songwriter Carrie Rodriguez has established an impressive roster of touring, recording, and co-writing affiliations — with Lucinda Williams, Rickie Lee Jones, John Prine, Mary Gauthier, Alejandro Escovedo, guitarist Bill Frisell, and others. Her fifth solo album, *Give Me All You Got*, is filled with original, soulful songs.

[Tish Hinojosa](#)

Opening for Rodriguez is Tish Hinojosa. Originally from San Antonio, Hinojosa spent years in Germany, inspired by the city of Hamburg, where the Beatles lived and performed. The result is a mix of traditional bluegrass and contemporary folk and Tex-Mex sounds uniquely her own.

July 25

[Ray Benson](#) with [Milkdrive](#)

In his 40 years as front man for legendary western swing band, Asleep at the Wheel, Ray Benson has received nine Grammy awards and countless other musical accolades. Now with the release of his second solo album, Benson has teamed up with the Austin jazz-grass string band, Milkdrive, to explore new frontiers in Texas music.

[Jason Roberts Band](#)

Grammy Award-winning fiddle player Jason Roberts will open for Ray Benson, bringing his signature style to his latest musical venture. Building on a lifetime working alongside Western Swing giants, he has teamed up with world-class talents to launch the Jason Roberts Band.

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About the Bullock Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin tells the unfolding story of the history, culture and people of Texas. One of the most popular attractions in Central Texas, the Museum has welcomed over 6 million visitors since it opened in 2001. The Museum and IMAX Theatre are located at 1800 N. Congress Avenue, between the State Capital complex and the University of Texas campus. For more, visit www.thestoryoftexas.com or call (512) 936-8746.