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Unplugged: Texas music history takes center stage

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Nationally acclaimed Texas singer-songwriter Radney Foster will host Tuesday's 6th Annual Texas Music History Unplugged, a showcase of songs and music performed by Texas artists.

Foster will be joined by Miss Lavelle White, Mingo Saldivar, Aaron Allen, Cindy Cashdollar, Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines, Rosie Flores and Elana James.

Presented by the university's Center for Texas Music History, the History Department and the College of Liberal Arts, the concert takes place in the LBJ Ballroom in the Student Center. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Admission is free, and seating is limited to the first arrivals.

The show features all the performers on stage together and provides a setting in which artists can contribute to each other's performances spontaneously, creating musical hybrids.

The evening's host Foster first gained attention as half of Foster & Lloyd, the first duo in history to top the Country charts with their debut single, "Crazy Over You."

Known as a songwriter's songwriter, Foster's songs have long been sought after by other artists. Everyone from the Dixie Chicks and Guy Clark to Keith Urban and Hootie and the Blowfish have covered his songs, while his own hits like "Nobody Wins," and "Texas In 1880" and "Just Call Me Lonesome," continue to be played on radio and by bar bands around the world. He has served as host for the critically-acclaimed CMT Crossroads, and recently produced Rollercoaster for the Randy Rogers Band. Rogers is a former Texas State University student. Foster has a new CD, This World We Live In, ready for release.