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Sonia Lee Chosen as One of Kerrville Songwriter's Festival's "New Folk Finalists"

KERRVILLE, TX For 18 years, a small town in the hills of Texas has hosted the world renowned Kerrville Folk Festival, hailed as THE festival for up and coming songwriters. According to their website, tremendous writers and performers such as Lyle Lovett, Willie Nelson, Michelle Shocked, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Robert Earl Keen, Lucinda Williams, and Nancy Griffith played Kerrville early in their careers. Peter Paul & Mary, Judy Collins, Janis Ian, and singer/songwriter/actor Ronny Cox still grace the Kerrville Stages.

It is this history, as well as the consistently high standard for performers, that gives the well earned prestige of being chosen as one of 32 finalists out of the more than 800 applicants. Nashville artist Sonia Lee, who will be performing last on Sunday, May 28, 2006, is honored to be a part of it.

Sonia Lee is not new to folk music as she is from a Ukrainian-American family where folk music was an integral part of the culture. She learned to sing and play guitar at an early age as she was immersed in her heritage at Ukrainian summer camps. Songwriting came later, and the most natural format for her was folk. Her first CD, *From the Heart*, was a tribute to her heritage with 10 traditional Ukrainian folk songs, sung entirely in Ukrainian! Her most recent project, *True*, shows off her gift for pairing beautiful lyrics and melodies sung with a heartfelt, honest voice in a collection of her original songs.

6 winners will be chosen from those 32 finalists to perform 20 minutes of their original music in a special concert the following weekend, June 4th, 2006 and will receive \$450 plus national recognition. Money for the winners is from the Texas Folk Music Foundation, Vic and Reba Heyman, and the Jim Ross Memorial Fund. The winners also receive a one year subscription to Performing Songwriter Magazine.

Hippie Chick Twang, home of great female songwriters, is proud to have Sonia Lee as our representative to the Kerrville Folk Festival.

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