



Waco Cultural Arts Fest
Tribute to Richard Thomas “The Pied Piper”
Sunday, Sept. 19th
Indian Spring Park

The Waco Cultural Arts Festival - September 17th, 18th and 19th will begin this year's musical performances by honoring legendary Jazz musician and Waco native Richard Thomas. Richard, who recently passed away this year, spent the bulk of his life teaching and mentoring his fellow musicians. “It seemed fitting to begin this year's event by providing an opportunity for local musicians to get some stage experience. I believe that Richard would have wanted it that way.” – Chris Ermoian, WCAF Entertainment Director.

Richard Thomas the "Pied Piper" was an avid supporter of the Waco Cultural Arts Fest. His last performance at the Spats and Spangles Fundraiser in February 2010 benefitted the festival by helping to raise needed funds--money that keeps the festival free to everyone who attends.

Friday Night there will be a special open mic night. Come see the following local acts: Blue Houdini, Futch, Josh Shelton, Ermoian Brothers, Cake in the Hall Untucked and more. Backline provided by Music Lab, Austin to facilitate fast stage changes. Email Chris Ermoian at texasmusiccafe@yahoo.com

There will also be a Sunday morning musical tribute to Thomas at the festival beginning at 11:00 a.m. The following bands will be performing:



AFTER MIDNIGHT - CLASSIC ROCK

After Midnight is a group of four long-time musicians who have been performing together in Central Texas for nearly ten years. They had the privilege of performing several times with Richard Thomas, whose life is celebrated at this year's Arts Fest. Their music covers a range of styles, including blues, classic and contemporary rock, and a dash of country and jazz.
www.aftermidnightwaco.com

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LORNA WILHELM - JAZZ BLUES

Lorna Wilhelm is a blues/jazz singer based in Waco, Texas. Although a newcomer to the music scene she has developed a reputation as "the little gal from Texas with the great big voice." Her influences include Ella Fitzgerald, Michelle Willson, Lou Ann Barton, Mel Torme, Willie Mae Thornton, and Sugar Ray Norcia.
www.lornasblues.com

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OTHER SPECIAL PERFORMANCES AS PART OF MUSICIAN TRIBUTE TO THE 'PIED PIPER'

Frank Exum

The Greene Family Band Students and Fellow Musicians

Eric Dozier