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Library Songwriter Series Hosts Rex Foster

(Lockhart) Rex Foster will be the featured guest for *Evenings with the Songwriter*, October 30, 7:00pm (the last Tuesday of the month). This is the eighth season of the series in the historic Lyceum of the Dr. Eugene Clark Library, hosted by Lockhart songwriter Fletcher Clark (free to the public).

A Texas singer-songwriter with a widely diverse background, Rex was an integral presence in the 60's psychedelic music revolution, the Texas outlaw music of the 70's, the singer-songwriter genre of the 80's, influential in developing the concept of "house concert" in the 90's, and internationally appreciated after 20 tours of Europe. With 8 CDs under his belt, the future is bright with opportunity to move forward and continue dancing with his creative muse. If the definitive history of the last three decades of Texas music were published today, Rex Foster would be mentioned by a handful of household names as having been part of the scene, among them, Gary P. Nunn, Willie Nelson, the late B.W. Stevenson, and Jerry Jeff Walker. Rex's influence can be found in their own music. He is one of those special regional songwriters whose work transcends geographic boundaries.

Like his friends Townes Van Zandt, Guy Clark, and Willis Alan Ramsey, his work is about things that matter, and his delivery is such that audiences can't help but respond and become involved. He writes and sings about brittle ladies and fine-haired children, raising chickens in high rent ghettos, about freedom and its abuse, lives on the loose, and even about a short ride with a dark-hearted Jesus! And that's just for starters.

But history is an unfolding tale, and now more than ever, Foster is poised to create a distinctive new chapter of his own. There was a time of dues-paying...a thousand gigs, a million nights, playing with everyone, and playing alone. Touring with Merle Haggard, touring alone; on the move in England, France, coast-to-coast; two albums, TV, and everything in between. By 1982,

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the road had taken its toll and Rex put on the brakes. He and wife Kelly grew with their beautiful daughter, Rachel, as he dedicated the first five years of her life to being home as Papa. During this interlude from his shop in Comfort, Texas, he developed the trademark jewelry worn by Emmy Lou Harris, Pam Tillis, Roseanne and Johnny Cash, the Bellamy Brothers, Haggard, Jerry Jeff and Rodney Crowell.

And forever writing songs, it seems. Haunting, evocative songs. Some as flinty as his Hill Country origins. Some sly and rude. Some elusive as smoke. Some to wear home. All of them label-resistant. And, all of them crowd-pleasers in the hands of a very capable, maybe even great performer whose peers are moved to heartfelt admiration. Appearing now only at select listening venues, Rex is finishing up a new CD collection of songs, some old, some new.

“I first met Rex on a Sunday afternoon in Luckenbach in the early ‘70’s,” said Fletcher Clark. “Just a spontaneous song swap among a few folks in the dilapidated old dance hall. This Hill Country native has been a regular delight for me at the annual Kerrville Folk Festival. His influence on countless Texas songwriters cannot be overstated.”

Evenings with the Songwriter has featured scores of celebrated artists, including such luminaries as Shake Russell, Tish Hinojosa, Vince Bell, Susan Gibson, Butch Hancock, Christine Albert, Dana Cooper, Eric Taylor, Shelley King, Bob Livingston, and Walt Wilkins. This eighth season concludes with Steve Brooks in November, and songwriters are already lined up for the 2019 season.

The Dr. Eugene Clark Library Lyceum is the oldest continually operating library building in Texas. Its ambiance offers a special intimacy, appreciated by audience and guests alike. The series is presented to the public free of charge on the last Tuesday of the month (except December), thanks to City of Lockhart Library Director Bertha Martinez and her staff. Support comes from local *Friends of the Song* sponsors Todd Blomerth & Patti Payne, Donaly & Clare Brice, and Robert & Esther Wilson.

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