



## THE TEXAS GYPSIES

THE TEXAS GYPSIES SERVE ON THE PRESTIGIOUS MID AMERICA AND THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS TOURING ROSTERS.

### SPOTLIGHT

Their Original song "Maxwell Swing" was used in the movie "The Smell of Success" (starring Billy Bob Thornton and Tea Leoni)

Their original music has been used on many TV shows from the Kardashians, MTV, Nickelodeon, Oxygen, Food Network, A&E, Fox, BBC and more!

Named "Best Western Swing Group" by The Academy of Western Artists

Debut CD "The Texas Gypsies" in 2005 Grammy® voting for "Best Jazz Album".

Recently raised over \$5000 for the Wipe out Kids Cancer Foundation!

### KUDOS

*"You were wonderful, we had many compliments and had a new attendance record!"*

–Grand Prairie Arts Council Concerts in The Park Grand Prairie

*"We will continue use you guys at our events!...Great music and always on time!"*

–Kelly Duggan, Anderson Hanson & Blanton

*With the release of Café Du Swing, the Texas Gypsies have accomplished what few bands have even tried, let alone succeeded in doing in the past. The group blends elements of traditional small group Swing, Gypsy Jazz and Western Swing into a tightly woven fabric of 21st Century sophistication and jumpin, thumpin entertainment!*

–SwingMusic.net

**The Texas Gypsies** are known for their unique take on Classic Jazz and Swing music from the 1920's Great Gatsby era to the 1940's Big Band sound, (Frank Sinatra - Dean Martin). They also offer a 1920's show - Presenters sometimes invite the audience, in advance, to dress in clothing of that era.

They perform Parisian Swing, Gypsy Jazz style (Django Reinhardt), Brazilian Jazz and the Western or Texas Swing sound (Bob Wills). In addition, the band can perform Classic Rock, Pop and dance songs. They also write and play many of their own original songs of which some have been used in various films and TV shows. This "Retro/Eclectic" award winning band is perfect for any event!

From an intimate Jazz trio to a full blown high energy Big Band, **The Texas Gypsies** present over 100 shows a year. With a blazing horn section, swingin' guitars, upright bass, retro-style drumming and three part vocals, the only thing left is to sit back in your seat and enjoy the sound and energy.

**The Texas Gypsies** live band is a collection of well seasoned players comprised of Grammy winners and musicians who have backed many of today's top jazz, swing music, and pop performers including The Blues Brothers, Bonnie Raitt, Paul McCartney, Steven Stills, Wynton Marsalis, Barbara Mandrell, John Fogerty and more! The band also performs acoustically. Master Classes are offered with one instructor for the entire class.

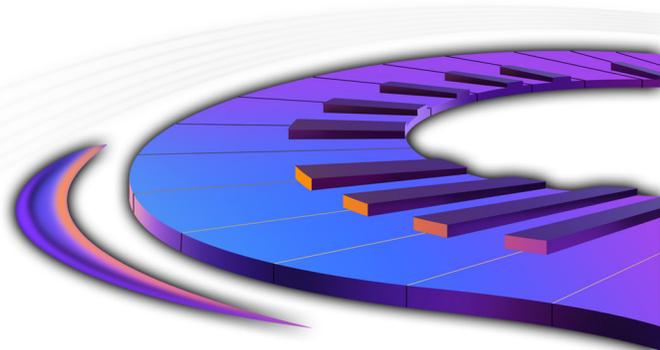


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### **Gypsy Jazz**

Django Reinhardt was a pioneering virtuoso jazz guitarist and composer. Born into a family of Romani gypsies in France in 1910, Reinhardt invented an entirely new style of jazz guitar technique (sometimes called "hot" jazz guitar) that has since become a living musical tradition within French gypsy culture. Reinhardt co-founded the Quintette du Hot Club de France, described as one of the most original bands in the history of recorded jazz. The Texas Gypsies have adapted this style and incorporated this genre into their performances offering a jazz format that can only be described as Gypsy Jazz.

### **Western Swing**

Western swing is an amalgamation of cowboy, Dixieland jazz and blues with a swing beat. It was extremely popular and attracted huge crowds to dance halls and clubs in Texas, Oklahoma and California in the years before World War II and blossomed on

the West Coast during the war. Bob Wills and Spade Cooley are some of the historic band leaders of the time. Western Swing and Gypsy Jazz are actually quite similar in their feel.

### **New Orleans Jazz**

With members from New Orleans (the birthplace of jazz) The Texas Gypsies love to feature the Bourbon Street Jazz clarinet and trumpet sound made popular by Big Band greats like Benny Goodman and Louie Armstrong!

### **Brazilian Jazz**

Antonio Carlos Jobim is widely considered one of the great composers of popular music of the twentieth century and his style of Brazilian Music internationalized the Bossa Nova. With the help of American artists he merged it with jazz in 1960s to standardize a new sound whose popular success was very remarkable. His single, "The Girl from Ipanema" won the Record of the Year in 1965 and is one of the most recorded songs of all time. The Texas Gypsies perform this genre with all of the known favorites included and can be added to the many styles in their repertoire.

### **Rockabilly**

Influenced by Western Swing, Boogie Woogie and R and B. Eddie Cochran, Bill Haley and 50s Elvis are all names associated with this swingin', rockin' music!

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