

Music City Texas

*Live-music venues put **Linden** on the map*

TWO INTIMATE VENUES bring music lovers to the northeast Texas town of Linden to enjoy national and regional musicians in historic settings.

Housed in a 1950s American Legion hall, the 360-seat Music City Texas theater hosts big-name musicians four or more times a year. Past shows featured Texas roots artists Guy Clark and Charlie Robison, plus superstars Jackson Browne (who plays Music City Texas on November 5, 2012) and Don Henley of the Eagles. Growing up in Linden as a young rocker, Henley played at the American Legion hall with friend Richard Bowden who, after his own musical career, returned home to found Music City Texas. The venue hosts annual bluegrass shows in February and August, plus a New Year's Eve dance.

The theater honors another Lindenite each June at the two-day T. Bone Walker Blues Fest which attracts a score of regional and national acts to indoor and outdoor stages.

A 1920s former Methodist Church houses Linden's Texas Music Barn, which stages roots music shows, plus the Texas Music Awards hosted by the Academy of Texas Music to honor independent performers.

Music City Texas is at 108 N. Legion St. Call 903/756-9934 (www.musiccitytexas.org).

The Texas Music Barn is at 301 E. Houston St. Call 866/498-3927 (www.texasmusicbarn.com).

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