

# The Bandera PROPHECY

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Becoming a “Certified Music Friendly City” workshop planned

The Bandera County Convention & Visitors Bureau (aka Bandera Visitors Center) and the Texas Music Office will co-host a Music Friendly Community Workshop on Monday, Aug. 10, at 6 pm. Due to Covid-19 travel restrictions the workshop will be presented virtually. Participants will be able to ask questions as well. Currently there are less than 20 Certified Music Friendly Cities in the state.

“It is undeniable that Bandera County has a wealth of musicians playing all genres of music from the lonely cowboy ballad to country, blues, folk and a wealth of songwriters, too. When our bars and restaurants can fully open again, we have, based on our population, a disproportionate number of venues hosting live music. It seems logical that Bandera should be recognized as a Certified Music Friendly Community,” Bandera County Visitors Center Executive Director Patricia Moore said. The workshop is free and open to anyone interested in learning about the new Texas Music Office program that seeks to foster music business economic development in Texas cities and communities. Chip Adams, the community relations and outreach specialist for the Texas Music Office within the Office of the Governor’s Economic Development and Tourism Division, will explain the Music Friendly Community designation and answer questions.

For nearly 30 years, the Texas Music Office (TMO) has served the Texas music industry. Its mission to create opportunity and connect businesses continues today. Our core functions are to serve as a clearinghouse for Texas music industry information via the TMO's Texas Music Industry Directory (a business referral network comprised of 15,000-plus Texas music businesses), serve as a liaison between music businesses and government offices and agencies, publicize significant developments

within the industry, and to attract essential music industry to foster the economic development of Texas music businesses and musicians. The Bandera Visitors will post the instructions on how to join the meeting, by video or by phone, on its website and Facebook page. Again, the workshop is open to all people in Bandera County interested in the music industry. For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the visitors center at 830-796-3045.