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WILLIE NELSON

Tracks by Willie Nelson, Stevie Ray Vaughan, the Dixie Chicks, Erykah Badu and Lucinda Williams fill the first "Don't Mess With Texas" compilation, proceeds of which will strengthen and restore music education programs in Texas public school system.

The Texas Music Project (TMP), launched by the non-profit Social Marketing Resource Center, assembled the disc, which is available through retailers throughout the state and texasmusicproject.org. Additionally, the album will be made available to local schools and arts organizations for fund-raising efforts.

"Unfortunately, music education programs are disappearing from our schools in Texas and around the country," TMP co-founder and executive director Bruce Orr says in a statement. "All children should be able to experience the positive benefits of music."