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EARTH DAY DALLAS: ENTERTAINMENT SERIES **April 22-23, Annette Strauss Square**

The inaugural Earth Day Dallas Festival in the Dallas Arts District on April 22-23 is hosting an impressive lineup of local and national acts in genres such as folk, rock, pop, country, jazz and hip-hop. See below for a full list of events followed by a summary of each act.

Friday, April 22, at the Annette Strauss Square

12:30-1 p.m.	Kirk Thurmond
2-3 p.m.	Dem Southernfolkz
3:30-4:30 p.m.	Graceland Ninjaz
5-6 p.m.	The O's

Saturday, April 23, at the Annette Strauss Square

10-10:30 a.m.	Dallas School of Rock
11-11:25 a.m.	Larry Hagman
11:30 a.m.-Noon	Kidz Bop: Featuring Hunter Pecunia
12:30-1 p.m.	Texas Instruments Jazz Band
2-3 p.m.	The King Bucks
4-5 p.m.	Django Walker

Entertainment

Kirk Thurmond

Originally from Dallas, Kirk Thurmond's music speaks to the realities of love. Kirk prides himself on telling stories of life through his music with his smooth and soulful voice. In one word, his music can simply be described as honest.

<http://www.myspace.com/kirkthurmondmusic>

Dem Southernfolkz

Dem Southernfolkz is composed of Thomas Benjamin, aka Big Ben, Richard Jackson, aka Kinfolk Jack and Nathan Wright IV, aka Saturday Alridge. Their shared passion for music led to the formation of Dem Southernfolkz whose music blends the hip-hop culture with the easy sounds of jazz and soul music. Dem Southernfolkz uses their music to take a stance on music in the industry and their philosophy on life.

<http://www.demsouthernfolkz.com/>

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Graceland Ninjaz

When it's time to take care of business, it's time for Graceland Ninjaz. The ultimate party band delivers the goods from Gaga to Prince, with vocals by the King. Their dynamic repertoire encompasses pop, rock and hip-hop favorites that get diverse audiences shaking all night long.

<http://gracelandninjaz.com/>

The O's

The O's bluegrass, folk and pop sound strike a chord with audiences all over the country. With almost 300 shows, one album and the recent release of their sophomore album "Between The Two," the group has captured nothing but praise. The O's were awarded "Best Of" all around Texas while their first album climbed to No. 2 on the UK Americana charts.

<http://www.myspace.com/wearetheos>

Dallas School of Rock

Originating in Philadelphia in 1998, The School of Rock music is an original performance-based interactive music school that spans across the country. Terry Longhway, who was sold on the vision, values and level of ethics, bought the franchise for Dallas in 2008.

http://www.schoolofrock.com/dallas/main_school.php

Larry Hagman

Actor, philanthropist, environmentalist and Texas-native, Larry Hagman also owns the nation's largest residential solar-powered system. The former "Dallas" and "I Dream of Jeannie" actor is hoping to create a solar wakeup call by inviting Americans to go solar.

www.LarryHagman.com

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Kidz Bop: Featuring Hunter Pecunia

Hunter is a 16-year-old songwriter, musician and singing sensation. She was the grand prize winner of the 2010 Kidz Bop National Talent Contest, which more than 35,000 people entered. Hunter has performed across the country from New York to LA, including several MLB and NFL venues. She is excited to be part of Earth Day Dallas and will sign autographs following the show.

<http://www.kidzbop.com/my-channel/hunterp/videos>

Texas Instruments Jazz Band

The Texas Instruments Jazz Band is a full 20-piece big band consisting of saxes, trombones, trumpets, a rhythm section and vocalist and is organized through the Texins Association of Texas Instruments. The band is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2011. Texas Instruments Jazz Band plays a wide variety of big band music from classic standards to modern arrangements.

<http://www.enerjazz.com/jazz/index.htm>

The King Bucks

The musical sound of The King Bucks is a unique blend of traditional country, boogie, rock and soul. The band debuted at Texas' famous Mesquite Rodeo. Since then, they have graced the stage of the Granada Theatre, The Longhorn Saloon and House of Blues.

<http://www.thekingbucks.com/Site/Home.html>

Django Walker

Django Walker of the Django Walker Band is a country music artist from Austin, Texas. The son of musician Jerry Jeff Walker, Django studied at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts before releasing his band's debut album. He wrote the former No. 1 single on the Texas Music Chart, "Texas on My Mind," which was recorded by Pat Green.

<http://djangowalker.com/>