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David Messier, Texas Chapter President (Austin, Texas)



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David Messier, Texas Chapter President, is a producer, engineer, multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, performer and owner of Same Sky Productions, Inc.,

an Austin-based recording studio.

What does being a member of the Recording Academy mean to you?

It means that I am lending my voice, experience, and financial support to an organization advocating for the rights of music creators. I am a music creator and at a certain point I think you either decide to get serious about being a part of making the industry stronger or to remain a wet blanket.

What makes the Texas music community so special?

The diversity of "Texas Music" is mind-blowing. Casey Monahan once said, "You cannot talk about world music without talking about Texas Music." It's true. In any direction you travel you'll find something special. Tejano & Conjunto music, Western Swing, psychedelic rock, 'Red Dirt' Country, Blues, Hip Hop - now that I've started listing things there is no way to cover it all so I'll just stop now and wait for those that I left out to let me have it!

What advice would you give someone wanting to get into the music industry?

Don't shoot for the middle of the bullseye. Aim elsewhere. Find your thing and do it without apology. That and don't do cocaine.

What projects are you currently working on?

Right now Same Sky Productions (my studio) is a reflection of the diversity I was just talking about. We've got Jazz, Pop, Indie-rock, Folk-Rock and Soul/Funk projects all happening simultaneously. We also just had a Marimba Group named "RattleTree" in the studio recording traditional "Mbira" music of Zimbabwe - music that is 1,000 years old! I'm most excited about an EP for an artist named Patrick Husband called "Simple House" we produced, engineered, and mixed. It is being released this summer and I cannot wait for everyone to hear it.

How do you spend your time when you're not working on music?

I love to cook. I have an infrared photography hobby, a French Bulldog named Larry Bird, an exercise regime that I fade in and out of and lots of great friends and family that I love to try and make laugh. Basically I am a total Renaissance man.

Benefits of Membership

The Recording Academy is the preeminent organization for musicians, producers, engineers and other music professionals. Our mission is to advance artistic and technical excellence, work to ensure a vital and free creative environment, and act as an advocate

on behalf of music and its makers.

Our members have access to live events all around the country, as well as 24/7 access to the GRAMMY Pro library of video and editorial content, which explores the industry and craft of music.

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