

TONY BOOTH, a native Floridian, began his musical career at age 14 when he won a national singing contest. Over the years he has been named Country Music's Most Promising Male Artist and his band won Band of the Year three years in a row. He was a member of Buck Owens' All American Show and has made numerous appearances on Hee-Haw.

Two years ago Tony was commissioned an official Texan by Gov. Perry for his contributions to Country Music in Texas over the past 45 years. He now lives in Alvin, TX.

Tony has worked with such country stars as Buck Owens, Merle Haggard, Ray Price, Johnny Bush, Jody Nix, Leona Williams, Randy Travis, Mona and Darrell McCall and Justin Trevino.

AMBER DIGBY is a rising star who comes by her musical talent through the gene pool. Her dad played bass for Loretta Lynn for over a decade and her uncle is Darrell McCall – another one of our most popular Heart of Texas performers.

She recorded "Music from the Honky Tonks". "Here Come the Teardrops" is her second album and the first on Heart of Texas Records. She can be heard regularly on "Willie's Place" on XM channel 13. She has also appeared at the Llano Opry several times plus tours throughout the U.S. and Europe.

The Academy of Western Artists nominated Amber for Pure Country Female Vocalist of the year in 2006, an award she won in 2008.

JACK GREENE is one of country music's most enduring and best-loved stars. He has thrilled millions in a career that has spanned over 4 decades. His unforgettable hits include "Statue of a Fool" and "There Goes My Everything". He first toured as a drummer with Ernest Tubbs before achieving incredible success as a solo performer. Awards include Single of the Year, Album of the Year, Male Vocalist of the Year and Song of the Year. Due to his immense popularity, Greene has been inducted into the Grand Ole Opry and remains a regular on the show.

FERLIN HUSKY is an icon in the country music industry. He has sold over 20 million records including the hugely popular "Wings of a Dove", "A Dear John Letter" and "Country Music is Here to Stay" – all of which went gold. He has made more than 18 motion pictures and has his name among the greats on the Hollywood Boulevard Hall of Fame. TV appearances include the Kraft Television Theater, a replacement for Arthur Godfrey, Ed Sullivan, Steve Allen, Mike Douglas, Merv Griffin, Dean Martin and Johnny Carson. In addition to traveling around the world, he had a network show of his own.

WANDA JACKSON was only halfway through high school in 1954 when country legend Hank Thompson heard her sing on an Oklahoma radio show and asked her to record with his band, the Brazos Valley Boys. By the end of the decade she had become one of America's first major female country and "rockabilly" singers.

A duet with Thompson's bandleader, "You Can't Have My Love", became a national hit and caused her career to skyrocket. To her credit, she insisted on finishing high school before hitting the road. She was the first singer to wear glitzy costumes which were designed by her mother. In the mid 1950's she was billed with none other than Elvis and they hit it off immediately. She was twice nominated for a Grammy and was a big attraction in Las Vegas from the mid 50's – 70's. She has performed gospel, country and rockabilly music.

DARRELL McCALL is a huge crowd pleaser. He has done it all and performed with some of the biggest names in the business.

He started as a morning DJ in his hometown of New Jasper, Ohio. After a stint in the Army Darrell headed to Nashville with his childhood buddy Johnny Paycheck and began doing studio harmony singing background for Faron Young, George Jones and Ray Price.

He has excelled as a songwriter. One of the most beautiful is "Eleven Roses". He followed that with "Lily Dale", "Down the Road of Daddy's Dreams" and "There's Still a Lot of Love in San Antonio", all available on CD's on board the ship.

Three years ago he signed with Heart of Texas Records and recorded his first full-length album in over 5 years, "Old Memories and Wine". Wife Mona contributed two beautiful songs on the album.

Darrell and Mona live in Fredonia, near Brady. They are both very approachable and you will enjoy getting acquainted with them.

MONA McCALL, a French Canadian, has recorded a gorgeous CD. with some perfectly beautiful vocals. "The French Song" – sung in French and English, "The Deepening Snow", "Keeper of My Heart" and "Remind Me Dear Lord" among others. Heart of Texas Records proudly refers to this as an incredible album "40 years in the making".

Ronnie Milsap said, "The song selection on this album is wonderful. If you love good traditional Country Music, this is a must for your CD collection". The title of the album is "Memories Love A Melody".

Mona has spent years doing studio back up work, singing and harmonizing with lead singers while raising her family and staying home while Darrell traveled. Now both reside near Brady and the couple often perform together. Both will perform on this cruise.

JUSTIN TREVINO is a multi talented performer and star of the Llano Country Opry. He landed his first gig at age 13, formed his own band and played honky tonks and beer joints around Austin. At age 16 Justin got to play with his hero, Johnny Bush.

Justin has a gorgeous solo voice and can harmonize with anyone. He plays bass guitar and is the Heart of Texas recording studio producer. He has played back up for the likes of Hank Thompson, Kitty Wells, Wanda Jackson and Leona Williams – just to name a few.

When he's not performing at the LanTex Theater in Llano, it's because his popularity takes him all over the United States and Europe.

He is living proof that when God closes one door, He opens another. Justin has been blind since infancy.

LEONA WILLIAMS was destined to become a Country Music Entertainer/Legend when she landed her first radio show job at age 15. Her journey has taken her around the world to the delight of thousands of Country Music fans including many personal appearances at the Nashville Grand Ole Opry. Before teaming up with Merle Haggard she played upright bass and sang harmony with Loretta Lynn. You can still hear her harmony on some of Haggard's records. She has performed in Branson, toured Ireland to rave reviews and now sings with many country Hall of Famers including Tammy Wynett, Randy Travis, Moe Bandy, Ray Price, George Price and Connie Smith. This enormously popular singer/songwriter signed with Heart of Texas Records in 2004 and produced her first album in almost 10 years, "I Love You Because".

TRACY PITCOX is one of the busiest, hardest working, most respected entrepreneurs in the country music industry. He lives with his wife Charla in Brady. He owns Heart of Texas Country Music Association, has a radio program on station KNEL in Brady, MC's the Llano Opry every second Saturday on the month in Llano and the Mason Opry once a month. He has his own record label – Heart of Texas Records - and jointly owns a recording studio with Justin Trevino. As if that weren't enough, he has also opened a Heart of Texas Country Music Museum in Brady that features memorabilia donated from over 100 country music entertainers like Mickey Gilley, Bill Anderson, the Mandrell sisters, Porter Wagoner and Little Jimmie Dickens just to name a few.

His career started at age 15 when he went to the local radio station and boldly announced that he wanted to broadcast a country show on Saturdays. To their credit, the station did not turn him away, but gave them an audition, liked what they heard and hired him to do the show. When he went to college, he came home on weekends and continued to broadcast a Country Classic show which he called "Hillbilly Hits".

Over the last 20 years he has spoken with many entertainers on the air, recorded his conversations with them and written a book containing these conversations. He's now working on a second edition of Country Legends. Tracy will MC the shows on board the Conquest.