**South Texas Stories**

Season One Trailer

**Introduction**

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[narrator]: Hi. Welcome to South Texas Stories, a podcast that preserves and shares community history. I'd like to tell you about our first season. It's all about the history and culture of Corpus Christi told through something we all enjoy—music (old timey bluegrass music fades in).[[1]](#footnote-1)

[narrator]: We have a team of producers working on stories (music fades out).

**Scene 1: The Producers**

[Nicholas Vela]: For this, it's more of a bottom-up history. When you think of Corpus Christi music, you think of Selena, and you don't think of the local DJs, who even though, they may be renowned, eventually will be lost to history because their voice isn't recorded. And it's also a bit of family history.

(musical interlude)

[Ed Warga]: I think it's interesting because, like, anyone can make music.

(musical interlude)

[Charles Prothro]: Texas country has kind of made its own little niche within the genre.

(musical interlude)

[Amanda Kowalski]: Corpus Christi is a rich cultural city.

[Ed Warga]: There's a noticeable independent music scene in Corpus.

[Lisa Louis]: Bringing people together to do music is also a really special thing.

[Tabitha Adkins]: My grandfather himself remembers not being able to eat at the front of a restaurant, having signs up that say Mexicans eat in the kitchen or Mexicans go around to the back. And for a place of business to have Mexican Americans, Anglo Americans, and African Americans all sharing the same space, at this point in time in Corpus Christi, that's huge.

[Jeff Dillard]: The effort to save the Ritz, thus far, has been as grassroots as you could possibly imagine.

**Conclusion and Credits**

[narrator]: These producers are sharing local stories. Like the House of Rock which, by the way, once sold the most Lone Star beer out of anywhere in Texas. Or a choir that's been around since the end of World War II. There's the history of the Galvan Ballroom, a place in the big band era that opened its doors for all races and people. There are episodes about DJs and musicians. People making independent music. And country music. Then there's the story about the fight to save the once-magnificent Ritz Theatre. If you're interested in hearing more, subscribe today.

(music fades in)

[narrator]: Thanks to The Joy Drops for the music. Also thanks to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. I'm Jen Brown, and this is South Texas Stories.

(music fades out)

[everyone]: This is South Texas Stories.

[Lisa Louis]: (singing) This is South Texas Stories.

1. The Joy Drops, “Not Drunk,” <http://freemusicarchive.org/music/The_Joy_Drops/Not_Drunk_EP/Not_Drunk>. This song is registered under a Creative Commons attribution license. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)