



LULLABY LOVETT

Nobody's quite like **Lyle Lovett**. The Muppet-faced singer-songwriter plays, for lack of a better term, country music. But it's a country must for *A Prairie Home Companion* fans, for Texans who vote Democrat and insist Austin is just *different*. Or to put it another way: Lyle Lovett plays adult-contemporary-country. But if you're a Lyle-head I don't need to tell you this; you are well familiar with his gentle tenor and literate take on American music — referencing Leonard Cohen, Kris Kristofferson and Townes Van Zandt.

Lovett built his cult following with over a dozen studio releases and a slew of movie and TV appearances (you might also remember an ill-fated marriage to Julia Roberts in the '90s). *Paste Magazine* notes that Lovett's 2012 record *Release Me* "finds him resolutely steadfast in his excellence and eclecticism." "Garfield's Blackberry Blossom," a rollicking and traditional fiddle tune, kicks off the record. Elsewhere, the album features Bob Wills-style Texas swing, covers from Van Zandt and the obscure folk singer Eric Roberts, as well as the jazz-standard "Baby It's Cold Outside" — all delivered with Lyle's trademark quirky charm.

I want to like Lyle Lovett. He's a class act and a true individual. His die-hard fans seem smart and have such good taste. Unfortunately for me, Lovett shares with Garrison Keillor a certain timbre in his voice that puts me straight to sleep. But if you love some Lovett you're in luck.

Lyle Lovett and his Large Band play 7:30 pm Monday, Aug. 5, at the Hult; \$31.25-\$59. — *William Kennedy*

BUGSY'S Monday Bug—7pm; Acoustic, n/c

COWFISH Benny America—9pm; Deep house

EUGENE SUZUKI MUSIC ACADEMY Irish Jam Session—7pm; All ages, n/c

GRANARY Poetry open mic & jazz w/Kenny Reed—7pm; n/c

PORKY'S PALACE Karaoke—8pm

REALITY KITCHEN Acoustic Reality—7:30pm; Open mic, n/c

SAM BOND'S The Turnpike

Troubadours—9pm; Roots, \$10

VILLAGE GREEN Dylan James—7pm; Contemporary guitar, n/c

WANDERING GOAT Songwriter's Night (originals only)—7pm; All ages, open mic, n/c

TUESDAY 8/6

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Jesse Meade w/Alicia Molin—9:30pm; n/c

ASTORIA BAR Grateful Tuesdays—9pm; Grateful Dead videos, n/c

AXE & FIDDLE Malcolm Holcombe—8:30pm; Folk, blues, \$7

BLACK FOREST Guitaraoke w/ Neria Hart—9pm; Live band karaoke, n/c

BUGSY'S Karaoke—8pm

THE CITY iPod Night—6pm; n/c

COWFISH School Night Dance Party w/Michael Human—9pm; Electro, blog-house, n/c

COZMIC Soul Deception—8pm; Rock, n/c

DOC'S PAD Karaoke—9pm

DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Open Mic—6pm; n/c

GOODFELLA'S Karaoke—9pm; n/c

GRANARY Statue of Liberty—7pm; n/c

HOT MAMA'S WINGS Open Mic—8pm; n/c

IZAKAYA MEIJI CO. Cowboy

Karaoke—10pm; n/c

LEVEL UP Ninkasi Karaoke Night w/KJ B-Ross—9pm; n/c

LUCKEY'S The Get Together w/ Scotty Styles—10pm; Funk, open jam, \$2

MAC'S Roosters Blues Jam—7pm; n/c

THE O BAR Karaoke—9:30pm

OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Karaoke—9pm; n/c

RED LION HOTEL Trivia Night—7pm; n/c

SAM BONDS Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c

TINY TAVERN Open mic Poetry Night—8pm; n/c

VILLAGE GREEN Dylan James—7pm; Contemporary guitar, n/c

WEDNESDAY 8/7

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke—9pm

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