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*International Druha Trava Serves up Entertainment
as Fayetteville's 38th Annual Lickskillet Days Returns
Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19*



Gearing up for Lickskillet in Fayetteville each year takes loads of energy from this incredible hometown but preparing for international talent is clearly taking this historical community to the next level by engaging locals and visitors as the weekend of Saturday October 18 and Sunday October 19 draws closer. "Packaged in Pride" and sponsored by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, the City of Fayetteville, all businesses, and individuals are delighted to announce the presence of *Druha Trava*, a band famed on both sides of the Atlantic for the "Czechgrass" fusion of acoustic, bluegrass, folk, and rock. *Druha Trava* is the foremost band to emerge

from the flourishing Czech bluegrass scene. Its virtuoso musicians can satisfy the most hardcore fans with scorching versions of traditional bluegrass standards.

As the band's name "Second Grass" implies, Druha Trava reaches far beyond the classic bluegrass genre for inspiration. The band uses American roots music as a starting point for a synthesis of jazz, pop, folk and even classical motifs, transforming an iconic American idiom into a richly textured, highly personal statement. The group was formed in 1991 by the influential singer-songwriter Robert Krestan, multi-instrumentalist Lubos Malina, and other veterans of the acoustic music scene that had long thrived in Czechoslovakia. Krestan's original songs (renowned for their enigmatic, at times provocative, lyrics) make up most of the band's repertoire, and they and Krestan's raw, gritty vocals set the band apart.

Druha Trava also performs bluegrass standards and covers (in English and Czech) of material by songwriters ranging from Mick Jagger to American acoustic veteran Peter Rowan (with whom the group collaborated on a CD, *New Freedom Bell*, in 1999). The group's 2007 album, *Dylanovky*, featured Krestan's Czech versions of Bob Dylan songs. Druha Trava and the members have produced more than a score of CDs and have won numerous Czech music awards. The band enjoys a wide following in the Czech Republic as well as a loyal fan base in North America, where they tour for at least one month each year. In 2012, Druha Trava received an Andel Award (Czech Grammy) for their album *Marcipan z Toleda* in the Country Music category. The Bluegrass Association of the Czech Republic declared this band "Group of the Year" in both 2005 and 2006. They will be performing on the main stage under the big tent at Historic Fayetteville Texas Saturday October 18 from 8:30 - 11:45 pm. There will be another showing of Druha Trava at the Red and White Gallery on Friday, October 17.

This National Registry Historic District community will be embracing additional entertainment throughout the weekend including: Saturday entertainment with the Side Winders at the SPJST Hall (in the afternoon), Robert Herridge from 1 - 4 pm, Licksillet queen and Court Pageant from 4 - 4:30 pm, Mike Stroup and the Wild River Band from 4:30 - 7:30 pm, Christiana Gentry (the 2014-15 Miss Czech Slovak) from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Also, the Texan Cheerleaders will be performing Saturday from 2-4 pm. Sunday's entertainment includes the annual parade at 11 am, Fayette Czech Singers and Dancers from noon until 1 pm, and Jimmy Rohde, DJ wrapping up the historic gala from 11:30 - 4 pm. This is a free event with free parking, no admittance fee, and drinks and food will be available as well as overnight lodging for visitors wishing to stay over.

Additional information may be found at www.fayettevillexchamber.org or by calling 979-378-4021. Fayetteville is located on Highway 159 a short distance from La Grange and zip code 78940 for GPS users—"Great weekend getaway with dining, shopping, and lodging available for all."

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