



Must-see shows by Texas artists for June 11 - 17

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Dallas' [Erykah Badu](#) may finally get past the controversy over her "Window Seat" video, the one where she stripped naked in Dealey Plaza and collapsed at the sound of a gunshot, and concentrate on what she does best: making music and performing onstage. Her tour, featuring opening act Janelle Monáe, is in full swing and has already generated positive words from [The Washington Post](#).

Post staff writer Chris Richards reviewed her DAR Constitution Hall two-night stand late last month, acknowledging Badu's famously spacey characteristics yet never shortchanging her knack for crafting a compelling show. "When Badu lowered her [arms](#), the lights would dim," wrote Richards. "When she twirled her wrist, her backing musicians would soften their grooves to a whisper. James Brown [used](#) to stop and start his band like an angry traffic cop. Badu conducts hers like a New Age sorceress."

Trying to figure out what Badu will do in concert is probably futile. She's not the type to memorize the flow of a show and repeat it night after night with rote precision. But surely you can expect songs from her career-launching debut album, 1997's [Baduizm](#). Plus, she'll surely focus a lot of attention on her stellar R&B opus, [New Amerykah Part Two: Return of the Ankh](#), which was released in March.

Badu will [no doubt](#) perform "Window Seat" - yes, fully clothed - as well as "20 Feet Tall" and "Agitation." She'll always look the part, too. This woman has a homegrown theatrical background, so costumes, gestures and dramatic flourishes are part of her *modus operandi*.

Monday at 8 p.m. at Verizon Theatre, 1001 Performance Place, [Grand Prairie](#). \$35-\$55. [Ticketmaster](#).

OTHER CONCERTS BY TEXAS ARTISTS

MATTRE Dallas-based band performs. Friday at 6 at Poor David's Pub, 1313 S. Lamar St., Dallas. \$10. www.poordavidspub.com.

REVEREND HORTON HEAT Dallas' always entertaining rockabilly band performs songs from its latest CD, [Laughin' & Cryin'](#) With the Reverend Horton Heat, during a gig that includes opening acts [Cracker](#) and the [Legendary Shack Shakers](#). Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Granada Theater, 3524 Greenville Ave., Dallas. \$20. www.granadatheater.com.

CHRIS RIVERS Dallas-based country artist takes the stage with his band, Highway 69, for a set of road-tested original material. Saturday at 8 p.m. at Gilley's Dallas, 1135 S. Lamar St. \$8. 214-421-2021 or www.gilleysdallas.com.

RUTHIE FOSTER Acclaimed Austin-based soul, blues and folk singer-songwriter performs during a concert that also features opening act the [Carolina Chocolate Drops](#). Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Granada Theater, 3524 Greenville Ave., Dallas. \$15-\$28. www.granadatheater.com.

GEORGE JONES Country music legend, born in Saratoga, Texas, remains one of the most influential singers in the genre. Thursday at 8 p.m. at Bass Hall, 525 Commerce St., Fort Worth. \$30-\$60. www.basshall.com.