



Dwayne Verheyden

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From the Netherlands to Texas, Dwayne Verheyden's Tex-Mex Music Earns Him 2 Tejano Music Awards Nominations!

HOLLYWOOD, CA – AUGUST 20, 2014 – Ever since being introduced to the musical genre by his father, Dwayne Verheyden, fell in love with Tex-Mex and Conjunto music. What makes this father and son music sharing experience unique is that they are from the Netherlands. His father took a liking to the sound of the accordion, especially the sounds made by Tex-Mex great, Flaco Jimenez.

Recently, the Texas Talent Musicians Association announced the nominations for the 34th Annual Tejano Music Awards, and Dwayne had garnered two nominations in the categories of "Best New Male Artist" and "Best New Group" for his band Dwayne & The TexMeXplosion.

"I'm so honored," said Verheyden. "when Flaco Jimenez took me under his wings and help pave the way for me to realize my dreams."

Dwayne, now 23, was a natural born performer taking a liking to the piano and accordion at the early age of 8. This passion led to him to eventually capturing the attention of Tejano music legend, Flaco Jimenez, and under his mentorship, Verheyden's music has exploded earning him a special place in the hearts of his many fans.

The Tejano Music Awards will be held on September 20, 2014 at the Live @ Lila Cockrell Theatre (San Antonio Convention Center) located at 200 East Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.

"Walking down the red carpet with so many musicians I have admired for most of my life... well it will be a surreal moment for me," said an excited Dwayne.

Aside from being nominated, Dwayne is also scheduled to perform along with other Tejano legends like Elida Reyna y Avente, Emilio Navaira, Shelly Lares, Grupo Solido, Los DesperadoZ, Stephanie Lynn, Jaime y Los Chamocos, Ricardo Castillon y La Diferenzia, Stefani Montiel, Sunny Saucedo, Lucky Joe, Eddie Gonzalez y Grupo Natural, Tortilla Factory featuring Robert "El Charro Negro" Butler, DJ Kane & Ricky Rick y Stereo Kumbia, David Marez, among many others.

In December 2009, Flaco Jimenez paid Dwayne Verheyden the ultimate compliment. During an exclusive interview to "San Antonio Street Talk" (sastreettalk.com), the music legend announced he was retiring. Asked about whom he felt would be able to fill his shoes, Flaco said, "There are many imitators and sound-a-likes, but none can compare to Dwayne Verheyden, and he's from the Netherlands."

The Tejano Music Awards voting process is accepting votes from the fans until midnight August 29, 2014. To vote, visit: www.tejanomusicawards.com/awards-show/2-14-general-ballot/. To vote for Dwayne Verheyden, scroll down the ballot categories for "Best New Male Artist" and "Best New Group."

For more information on the Tejano Music Awards, tickets, visit:

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About Dwayne Verheyden:

Born, September 4, 1991 in Montfort, a small village in the south of The Netherlands, Dwayne Verheyden demonstrated from a very young age his love of music. His father would listen Tex-Mex music because he liked the accordion sound. Soon Dwayne also fell in love with this instrument and the Texas Mexican-American music genre. At 7, he conquered the piano and accordion and started performing at his local church and at other public venues. At 8, Dwayne was invited to play for a local TV station and ever since then has been accompanying his father to many of Flaco Jimenez's concerts. In 2003, at age 12, Dwayne switched over to the chromatic button accordion because the sound is more similar to Jimenez's musical instrument. Dwayne is an award-winning accordion player, one of the best in Europe. In 2008, Dwayne realized his dream to perform with Flaco Jimenez at the Country Eid Festival in Nederweert-Eind. Five months later, Dwayne recorded with both Flaco and Max Baca in the Netherlands. On Flaco's advice, Dwayne formed his own band, "Dwayne & The TexMeXplosion," and started working on his own CD. In 2009, Dwayne and his parents flew to San Antonio, Texas where he got the opportunity to perform with local artist who had performed with Flaco throughout the years. Dwayne's musical repertoire is quite varied. He plays tangos, waltzes, polkas, paso dobles, and country, but Tex-Mex remains his one true love and favorite. In 2011, Dwayne performed at the Conjunto Hall of Fame with Flaco Jimenez's brother, Hall of Fame inductee Santiago Jimenez, Jr. He also joined Max Baca and the Los TexManiacs at the 30th annual Tejano Conjunto Festival in San Antonio. In 2014, Dwayne received two Tejano Music Awards nominations. Dwayne & the TexMeXplosion continue to perform in Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Latin America, Mexico and the U.S.A.

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