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Guitarist Andy McKee is one of the most viewed musicians on YouTube.Photo: Christine Porubsky/courtesy / SA





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THURSDAY

Andy McKee, Antoine Dufour at Josabi's. The Helotes outdoor venue continues to impress with eclectic, entertaining programming. McKee is simply one of the world's best acoustic guitarists, incorporating odd tunings, tapping styles, picking and percussive strumming techniques (and even resorting to drumming on the instrument) to create a hypnotic tapestry. The Topeka, Kan., native is one of the all-time most viewed performers on YouTube and starred on Josh Groban's Grammy-nominated album, "Noel." If you loved the late Michael Hedges, this is the musician for you. He is a true virtuoso. McKee is promoting his latest album, "Joyland." Dufour is an equally

formidable guitarist.

Roy Treviño at Cadillac Bar. Fiery blues guitar slinger Treviño, from San Juan in the Rio Grande Valley, started making friends and fans around here several years ago when he teamed with Randy Garibay for shows. Treviño is celebrating the release of his Jim Gaines-produced CD "Roy Treviño." For the Cadillac Bar gig, he will be accompanied by keyboard player David Boyle, bass ace Chris Maresh and drummer Sergio Gonzalez. Treviño and company will kick the blues into overdrive.

FRIDAY

Michael Schenker featuring Robin McAuley, Bone, Devil May Care, Black Thunder, Sound & Shape at Backstage Live. Since he landed a guitar-slinging slot in the German hard rock outfit Scorpions with his older brother Rudolf, Michael Schenker has attracted attention from metal/hard rock fans from around the world. Schenker followed the Scorpions gig with a stint in UFO before striking out as a leader with the Michael Schenker Group. The influential rock guitarist celebrated his 40th year as a recording rocker with the release of the CD "Temple of Rock." His touring band includes singer Robin McAuley, a veteran of the Michael Schenker Group.

Black Magic & the Full Exposé, The Hawks (of Holy Rosary), Toy Soldiers, We Leave at Midnight at Limelight. First-class indie rock show features singer and songwriter Carly Garza fronting her new band, Black Magic & the Full Exposé.

The Thieving Birds, Brison Bursey at John T. Floore Country Store. The Thieving Birds are a retro-sounding country rock band based in Fort Worth that is scoring lots of radio play with the twangy single "Stuck in Memphis." Bursey will open.

Buckshot Band at Mi Casa Tamales. The high-energy country dance band will help the outdoor venue on Interstate 10 near Fair Oaks Parkway get its spring/summer music season rolling.

SATURDAY

Michael Grothues Tribute at Highlander Bar and Grill. Grothues, the high-wailing voice, lyricist and flutist for the '70s prog-rock band Heyoka, died unexpectedly Sunday. Heyoka formed in Val Mora's parent's garage on Horizon Street, playing its earliest gigs at Antonian and St. Luke's festivals in 1973. They earned their hard rock credentials at the Warehouse Club and opening for Rush at Randy's Rodeo in 1976. Mora praised Grothues' "ability to home into the feeling of the band's concept of self-enlightenment and revealing the spirit within." The band's Native American name conjures images of marginalized misfits and the wisdom of contrarians. Expect a wild and rocking night. Music at 8 p.m.

Brian Simpson at The Shops at La Cantera (7:30 p.m., free). The spring "Jazz at the Falls" concert series opens with keyboard player/composer Simpson. Born and raised in Illinois, Simpson made a considerable musical mark working out of Los Angeles, playing jazz, pop and smooth jazz. He's worked with Norman Brown, [Teena Marie](#), [Janet Jackson](#), [Stanley Clarke](#) and many others. Simpson has turned in 15 years as musical director with Dave Koz and has been the musical director of the Smooth Jazz Cruise for eight years. Simpson's latest CD as a leader is "South Beach" (Shanachie). "Jazz at the Falls" continues March 24 with The Brew.

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