



Rich O'Brien  
in Crawford Texas  
with President Bush

## *Rich O'Brien*

Rich O'Brien is one of the most recorded musicians of the last three decades of the twentieth century. The new millennium finds him even busier. As a musician he has "paid his dues." After years and grueling miles on tour buses and airplanes, he has successfully sought to reinvent himself with an incredibly accomplished career as a studio musician, composer and record producer. The scope and breadth of his discography is far too vast to list in its entirety, but a partial litany of his work includes eleven Western Heritage Wrangler Awards - winning projects such as: *A Prairie Portrait* featuring the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra with Don Edwards and Waddie Mitchell, *The Last Cowboy*; *His Journey* featuring R. W. Hampton, *Sing One For the Cowboy* featuring The Sons of the San Joaquin, and *Wagon Tracks* featuring Red Steagall. In April 2006 Rich walked away with two more Western Heritage Awards for his composition *How Green Was the Grazing Back Then* with Red Steagall, and his production of *Way Out Yonder* featuring the Sons of the San Joaquin. Rich provided the lead guitar work on the Grammy Award winning album for children *Woody's Roundup Featuring Riders In The Sky* in 2000. Other music-for-film credits include *The Hi Low Country* featuring Woody Harrelson, Robert Redford's *The Horse Whisperer* and *Trial and Error* with Jeff Daniels. Rich has appeared on syndicated radio programs such as *A Prairie Home Companion* and *Cowboy Corner* and has made numerous appearances on *The Grand Old Opry*, *Texas Connection* and other television venues. O'Brien's talent can also be heard on various television and radio ads for Southwest Airlines, Dairy Queen, Wal-Mart, and 7-11 Stores to name but a few. He has had the honor of performing on two different occasions in The White House for President George Herbert Walker Bush and in July of 2004 and August 2006 he performed for George W. Bush at the President's ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Rich has most recently completed the production of a thirteen-song collection for cowboy-western swing singer and songwriter Red Steagall. The project includes duets by Steagall and his old friends Toby Keith, Reba McEntire, Neal McCoy, Charlie Daniels, Charley Pride, Larry Gatlin and Ray Benson of *Asleep at the Wheel*. The CD is scheduled for release in early 2007.

Though you probably won't hear his name mentioned on the radio or often see him basking in the lights of a television studio, you have more than likely heard the music of Rich O'Brien and are likely to hear more in the future.