

NEW MEXICO MUSIC COMMISSION

New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson will propose the creation of the New Mexico Music Commission during the 2005 Legislature. New Mexico has a proud and diverse music tradition spanning from the ancient melodies of New Mexico's Native Nations, Tribes and Pueblos, to the chart topping current hits of New Mexico resident and country music star, Randy Travis. Governor Richardson wants the Music Commission to preserve, protect and promote New Mexico music and musicians.

The Governor is proposing that \$100,000.00 be appropriated to establish the Music Commission under the Department of Cultural Affairs.

The new Music Commission will be a long overdue clearinghouse for artists and consumers on the many musical opportunities and traditions in New Mexico.

New Mexico has been very successful in attracting major film projects and the Film Commission has played a significant role in our success. Twenty-five films and \$162 million dollars in economic impact since Governor Richardson took office. The Governor wants the same results from the new Music Commission.