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# The List

## Dance halls



**1. Gruene Hall, New Braunfels, Texas** Built in 1878, this 6,000-square-foot landmark is the oldest continuously running dance hall in Texas and the centerpiece of the Gruene Historic District. 830-606-1281, [gruenehall.com](http://gruenehall.com)

**2. Billy Bob's Texas, Fort Worth** Covering three acres with 22 bars, a huge dance floor, and a bull-riding arena, this is truly the "World's Largest Honky Tonk." 817-624-7117, [billybobstexas.com](http://billybobstexas.com)

**3. The Million Dollar Cowboy Bar, Jackson, Wyo.** The barstools are saddles and the bar is studded with silver dollars, but music is king here. Willie, Waylon, and Hank Jr. have all graced the stage. 307-733-2207, [milliondollarcowboybar.com](http://milliondollarcowboybar.com)

**4. Buck Owen's Crystal Palace, Bakersfield, Calif.** Buck Owens spent his last night on earth performing here, and the "Bakersfield sound" he created lives on at this restaurant, bar, and dance hall. 661-328-7560, [buckowens.com](http://buckowens.com)

**5. HandlebarJ, Scottsdale, Ariz.** With live music every night and two-steppers on the dancefloor, this Arizona institution is known for much more than its great steaks. 480-948-0110, [handlebarj.com](http://handlebarj.com)