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## Jim Beal Jr.: No letdown during post-SXSW

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San Antonio jazz players Katchie Cartwright and Richard Oppenheim play Carmens de la Calle Thursday night. COURTESY DAN BORRIS

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South by Southwest and its attendant spillover are gone. Fiesta looms. But right now, it's special-occasion time with CD-release and birthday parties. Get busy.

### Release 'em

New York's loss was S.A.'s gain when singer/flutist/educator [Katchie Cartwright](#) and her husband, saxophonist [Richard Oppenheim](#), moved to town in '06. The pair jumped headlong into the local scene, bringing with them chops, knowledge, energy and the desire to get involved.

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KRTU listeners are aware of Cartwright's world radio show "Planet Jazz." Cartwright doesn't just spin international jazz, she sings and plays it. And she and her band Le Monde Cache (the hidden world) will prove it but good Thursday night at 8:30 at Carmens de la Calle when they celebrate the release of the "Tales & Tongues" (Harriton Carved Wax) CD.

Intrepid, adventurous and talented, Cartwright sings in Yiddish, French, Spanish, Ladino, Italian and Portuguese as she and the band — Oppenheim, [Mark Lomanno](#) (piano), [Billy Satterwhite](#) (bass) and [Kevin Hess](#) (drums) — tackle "Alta Va La Luna," "Triste," "Ikh Hob Dikh Tsufil Lib," "Delilah" and six other international selections. They do it all well, opening ears, horizons and possibilities in the process.

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