

Clark pulls off magic sans Van Zandt

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THE GUY CLARK-Townes Van Zandt performance at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre became a solo show Monday night after Van Zandt was barred by Canadian immigration officials.

Gary Cristall, artistic director of the Vancouver Folk Music Festival, said Van Zandt was refused entry when he arrived Sunday afternoon at Vancouver International Airport. Immigration officials told the Texan songsmith he had to leave Canada and apply for a ministerial permit to re-enter the country. Cristall said consular officials in Seattle denied Van Zandt the permit when he applied Monday.

Immigration officials on Tuesday wouldn't say why Van Zandt was turned back and the singer was not immediately available to comment.

Although it was a blow to Van



Zandt fans, Clark pulled off a two-hour-plus performance that left the packed house howling for more.

Clark writes folksy, bluesy country songs so saturated in the sweat of life experience that they couldn't have