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Glendale Main Library to Host the 23rd Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering

Glendale, Arizona - Jan. 14, 2019 — Music is everywhere! Catchy tunes on the radio, soundtracks in a movie, even those impossible to forget jingles we hear every day. The Glendale Main Library will become a powerhouse of song and music during the 23rd annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 5959 W. Brown St. Over 45 musical performances are scheduled in and around the library, including informal, round-robin style jam sessions for musicians to share their tunes.

"This free event is a great opportunity for listeners and songwriters of all ages. There is something magical about the energy," said Ivy Jarvis, Glendale Public Library's Adult Programs Librarian coordinating the event. "It's not only a great day for people looking to write music, but it's great to just come down and listen to everyone play."

Writing a great song isn't easy. It can take years of practice and fine-tuning just to get a tune right, and for aspiring songwriters, it's tough to know where to begin. A good place to start is at the Songwriters Gathering where musicians and industry professionals offer insight into the art of writing songs and breaking into the music business through free workshops, critiques and performances.

"No matter what type of music you want to write or play, you'll find someone here to help you out," said Jon Iger, a former Capitol recording artist and President of the Arizona Songwriters Association. "I can't think of anywhere in the country where an event like this is totally free. It doesn't matter if you've written hundreds of songs before or never figured out the first note, you'll learn something."

Iger's tireless contributions to the Arizona music community run deep including 40 plus years as President of the Arizona Songwriters Association, 23 years co-producing the annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering, and 10 years on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame. His dedication to the Songwriters Association has built the organization into one of the strongest and most respected in the industry.

It can safely be said that many songwriters attribute part of their success to Iger's steadfast support and commitment to the craft of songwriting and education. For these reasons, he will be honored during an induction into the Arizona Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame. The presentation at the Songwriters Gathering will be by AMEHOF President Mark Myers, Board Member Ralph Black and inductee J. David Sloan.

Although the event is free, don't leave your wallet at home. "Bring some spending money! Into the Fire Pizza & Catering will be onsite offering a delicious made-to-order menu," said Jarvis.

The Arizona Songwriters Gathering is held in a partnership between the Glendale Main Library and the Arizona Songwriters Association and is sponsored in-part by Fervor Records. For more information, call 623-930-3573 or visit <http://gplsongwriters.weebly.com>.

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