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## **SONG AND MUSIC WILL FILL THE AIR DURING ANNUAL ARIZONA SONGWRITERS GATHERING AT LIBRARY**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — The Glendale Main Library will become a powerhouse of song and music during the 18th Annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering event from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25.

The gathering is free and offers live musical performances on two stages throughout the day. Songwriters perform in front of audiences and their peers, gaining an opportunity to showcase their talents and entertain. Songwriters will also have the opportunity to receive song critiques and experience lectures and workshops from some of the best names in the songwriting business.

The free workshops and lectures are designed for songwriters and others interested in the business and include topics such as crafting songs, getting songs into film and television, music technology and using social media to market music.

People come from across the country to attend this annual gathering that began as an event held by Phoenix at Encanto Park. It was moved in 2009 to the Glendale library to continue offering it as a free event.

“I can't think of anywhere in the country where they have (an event) like this where it's totally free,” stated Jon Iger, president of the Arizona Songwriters Association (ASA). “You don't even have to be a member of any organization to come and enjoy the benefits of all the hard work the volunteers are doing to help songwriters learn and network. Everybody has a great time performing and listening and hanging out with each other, as well as rubbing elbows with music publishers, producers and other professionals.”

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“This event is a great opportunity for listeners as well as songwriters. There is something magical about the energy at this event,” stated Ivy Jarvis, librarian coordinating the event. “Every year, I walk away feeling grateful for the opportunity to be involved with these wonderful folks.”

The Friends of the Library will be holding a 50/50 raffle during the event to raise funds for future library programs along with a silent auction featuring donated items from the Comic Art Guy, Desert Springs Mortgage & Financial Services LLC, Hacker Accounting, Mary Kay – Char Sharp Consultant, Nothing Bundt Cakes and the Tulip Tree. All funds raised from the auction will benefit the library.

The ASA’s mission is to help songwriters learn more about writing songs and what to do with them once they’re written. The association helps to connect songwriters with other writers, musicians, singers, recording engineers, producers and other professionals that are essential to the industry. Through contacts made at association events, some songwriters have achieved their songs placed in major television series and movies, with several having major label acts record their songs.

In addition, attendees can enjoy the tantalizing food and beverages served by the White Eyes food truck. White Eye’s creates hot, fresh fry bread at events across the Southwest, with toppings including the Indian taco, red and green chili, beans, powder and cinnamon sugar, honey or chocolate. They also feature beignets and funnel cakes.

The Glendale Main Library and the Arizona Songwriters Association collaborate to produce this annual free event. For more information, call the library at 623-930-3573 or visit

[www.glendaleaz.com/library](http://www.glendaleaz.com/library). For more information about the Arizona Songwriters Association, visit <http://azsongwriters.com>.

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