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MORE THAN 150 PERFORMERS ENTERTAIN AT TWO-DAY GLENDALE FESTIVAL

Glendale, Ariz. — Performers with styles ranging from Folk and Bluegrass music to cowboy poetry and storytelling will entertain thousands of people at the two-day **Glendale Folk & Heritage Festival** presented by Glendale Parks, Recreation & Library Services.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23, at the Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area, 9802 N. 59th Ave. Attendees are welcome to enjoy the entertainment on eight stages and participate in free workshops on topics such as Fingerstyle Guitar, Music Production, Harmonica Workshop and Vocal Harmonies, which will be led by accomplished entertainers.

The festival will include Arizona's official state historian, Marshall Trimble; official state balladeer, Dolan Ellis; Dom Flemons of the Grammy award-winning "Carolina Chocolate Drops;" legendary folk performer and songwriter, Bill Staines; Grammy winner, Rick Nestler; accomplished professional musician, Rik Palieri; international performer Joe Bethancourt; and local folk hero, Hans Olson.

On Saturday, March 22, as part of the festival the Glendale Main Library will host Dolan Ellis with a unique presentation at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m., a special celebration of songs will honor the original Almanac Singers, including the late Pete Seeger, and will be performed by musicians Rik Palieri and Rick Nestler.

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This unique festival includes a wide variety of folk and traditional family entertainment, how-to workshops by accomplished entertainers, a “jam session area,” historic Sahuaro Ranch house tours, blacksmith demonstrations, make-and-take crafts for kids, raffle drawing and a site scavenger hunt. Admission and activities are free. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase, along with vendors selling crafts and jewelry.

“This festival provides a very unique experience,” stated Michelle Yates, senior recreation coordinator. “With its variety of music and entertainment in the historic setting of one of the Valley’s oldest preserved ranches, people are taken back in time for both a historical and cultural perspective.”

Jivemind and Midwestern University are both contributing sponsors of this community event. Representatives from the Arizona Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame, Arizona Pickers and Grinners, Desert Dulcimers, Arizona Autoharp Club, AMAZ Radio and additional nonprofits will have exhibition booths.

A complete schedule of the entertainment and workshops is available at www.glendaleaz.com/ParksandRecreation. Volunteers are still needed to help with a variety of activities during the event. To volunteer or for more information on the event, call 623-930-2820.

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