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**GLENDALE FOLK AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL
CELEBRATES ARIZONA LORE AND CULTURE**
Two-day jubilee features more than 400 performers

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The annual Glendale Folk and Heritage Festival will be a celebration of folk music, its history and culture, on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24-25, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Attracting local residents and regional visitors alike, the event is held every spring to foster an understanding and appreciation of traditional Arizona music and culture through experiential learning, performances and workshops. Drawing from a rich heritage of ranching, railroading and mining, the Folk and Heritage Festival allows attendees to experience the unique diversity of the Southwest.

The festival takes place at the city's beautiful Historic Sahuaro Ranch, located at 9802 N. 59th Ave., and at Glendale Main Public Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The free event features folk and bluegrass music performed by more than 400 musicians, live cowboy poetry and authentic storytelling, with five stages of music throughout both Saturday and Sunday. In addition, three workshop areas will invite attendees to learn to play spoons, saws, ukuleles, harmonicas, swing guitar, pennywhistle, jug band, skiffle music, autoharps and more!

Marshall Trimble, Arizona's Official State Historian, will open the festival on Saturday morning, and he, along with other Culture Keepers named during Arizona's Centennial, will present workshops with story and song that celebrate our state and its history during the festival.

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This long-running event attracts musicians from across the United States and Canada. Some of the long list includes:

- The parody group **Three Bricks Short**, from California
- **The Arizona Culture Keepers**, including the State Historian, **Marshall Trimble**, will appear individually and in song circles and workshops.
- Tucson's Troubadour, **Ted Teodoro Ramirez** will appear, along with **Ismael Barajas**, a prodigy mentored by Andres Segovia who was awarded a scholarship to the University of Arizona's school of music at age 14.
- The Arizona Fiddler, **Doc Rolland**, will appear with his Mountain View Fiddlers, the group he has been mentoring as part of the Masters Apprentice program. Rolland puts on a fiddle camp every summer, and has toured the world with various bands.
- The incomparable **Igor Glenn** will also be part of the program. He will sing the National Anthem at the opening ceremony and will perform solo. Igor is a showman in his own right and has toured with Benny Goodman and with his Jazz Cowboys. He and Doc Rolland will team up for a summer tour in 2018.
- In addition, **Lee Lee Robert**, whose album *Jewel of the West* won the best album of the year award from the Academy of Western Artists and was nominated for album of the year by the Western Music Association, will make an appearance.
- **Eric Ramsey** is the two-time champion of the Phoenix Blues Society's Blues Showdown and went on to play in Memphis at the International Blues Challenge where he placed as a semi-finalist. He has been tapped for the prestigious *Songwriters Showcase* produced by the Tempe Center for the Arts, among other honors.
- Local band **Three Legged Dog** features the author James Sallis, and is a stellar band of multi-instrumentalists.
- In addition to these talented folks, there will be three ukulele clubs playing at various times on the program, and workshops are offered throughout the weekend on things as varied as playing the spoons to learning slide guitar. The popular Carter Family Singalong will be featured Sunday morning.

Other activities will include historic site tours, workshops, and musician "jam sessions." In addition, the Glendale Public Arts Program will sponsor hands-on arts and crafts, with artist Christy Puetz.

Attendees can make Corn Husk Dolls or Folk Art Hearts at no charge, between 11 a.m. and 3 a.m. each day.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Some seating is available, however, attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or picnic blankets. For more information about times and listings of entertainment and activities, please visit www.visitglendale.com or call 623-930-2299.

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