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24th Annual Arizona Songwriter's Gathering Brings Talent to the Glendale Main Library

The Glendale Main Library will become a powerhouse of song and music during the 24th annual Arizona Songwriters Gathering on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 5959 W. Brown St. The free event will include workshops, critiques, and industry professionals who will offer insight into the art of writing songs and breaking into the music business. Over 60 musical performances are scheduled in and around the library, including informal, round-robin style jam sessions for musicians to share their tunes.

"No matter what type of music you want to write or play, you'll find someone here to help you out," said Jon Iger, President of the Arizona Songwriters Association. "It doesn't matter if you've written hundreds of songs, or never figured out the first note, you'll learn something."

The featured guest speaker is very familiar with the hot topic of copyright. E. Michael Harrington, Ph.D., has served as consultant and expert witness in hundreds of music copyright/IP matters involving The We Shall Overcome Foundation. His list of clients includes Lady Gaga, Adam Levine, Taylor Swift, and Led Zeppelin.

"It's not only a great day for people looking to write music, it's also fun to just come down and listen to everyone play," said Ivy Jarvis, Glendale Public Library's Adult Programs Librarian.

The event concludes with a performance by Nashville singer/songwriter Ray Herndon, whose memorable voice is heard on Arizona news channel 3's "Good Morning Arizona" theme song. He also co-wrote the hit song "Me and You" which propelled Kenny Chesney to the top of the charts for the first time.

While the event is free, bring some spending money. "The retro-themed food truck Diner on Wheels will be onsite offering a delicious made-to-order menu," said Jarvis.

The Arizona Songwriters Gathering is held in partnership with the Glendale Main Library and the Arizona Songwriters Association. Sound support will be by Barnett Productions. For more information, call 623-930-3573 or visit http://gplsongwriters.weebly.com.

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