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**25TH ANNIVERSARY JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL RESOUNDING
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Glendale, Ariz. – Glendale’s 25th Anniversary Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival attracted record crowds as more than 40,000 people attended the two-day festival over the past weekend to enjoy fantastic music in downtown Glendale.

The festival featured national headliners and local and regional favorites; critically-acclaimed national acts, such as David ‘Fathead’ Newman and the Tommy Castro Band, drew fans from around the country.

Other notable highlights of the event included Gibson Guitar’s title sponsorship, the first of its kind partnership for Glendale’s festival. “Gibson’s reputation in the music industry not only lent prestige and recognition to the event, but also resources such as a master guitarist to provide a free guitar clinic, a Gibson tour bus and the donation of equipment,” said Martin Dickey, Glendale’s special event division manager. “We were thrilled that Gibson was a part of the 25th anniversary of the festival.”

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A Gibson Les Paul guitar donated by the guitar company was raffled by the Deer Valley High School Skyhawk Band, one of the performers at the Jazz & Blues Festival. The raffle raised more than \$3,000 for the band's booster club. The Skyhawk Band travels to jazz festivals around the country, including the famous Monterey Jazz Festival in California, and the raffle allowed them to raise money to defray costs associated with traveling to performances. The winner of the raffle was Glendale resident Bill Burden, who has attended the Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival for the past 23 years.

A new feature of this year's event was the participation of various artists commissioned by the Glendale Arts Commission. Festival attendees were treated to art in varying forms, such as interactive voice-changing music, improvisational poetry, an incarnation of the music on paper and unique sculptures of cacti made from vinyl records.

Limited edition commemorative pins for the 25th anniversary festival are still available for only \$5 including tax, by calling the city's Visitor Center at 623-930-4500, or in person at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140 in downtown Glendale.

For more information on Glendale's special events, visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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