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GLENDALE PRESENTS THE 26TH ANNUAL GIBSON JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL APRIL 4-5

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The city of Glendale’s 26th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 4-5.

This year’s national acts will include Saturday’s headliner Jimmy Thackery, critically-acclaimed guitar virtuoso formerly of The Nighthawks, a band with more than 30 years playing blues and roots rock. Headlining on Sunday night will be blues harp player Charlie Musselwhite. A six-time Grammy Award nominee, Musselwhite has released dozens of albums and has contributed to countless others including guesting on Bonnie Raitt’s Grammy Award-winning “Longing In Their Hearts,” The Blind Boys of Alabama’s Grammy Award-winning “Spirit of the Century,” Tom Waits’ “Mule Variations” and even playing the driving harmonica on INXS’ “Suicide Blonde.”

Again this year, Glendale’s longest-running festival will also feature an eclectic mix of artisans representing a myriad of art forms. Four artists will work on-site, giving event attendees an interactive, one-of-a-kind experience to add to the musical performances.

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Glendale's Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival
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The city of Glendale's Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival is not just about music, as the event will also feature craft artisans, and delicious food and beverages, including wine tasting by Kokopelli Winery.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 5. Admission and parking are free. Parking is located throughout the downtown area, including handicapped parking. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

Sponsors for the event include Gibson Guitar, Shell Vacations, KTVK Channel 3, Arizona Republic, KOOL, KMLE, JAMZ, Kokopelli Winery, Beck's and Fuze.

The city of Glendale's 26th Annual Gibson Jazz & Blues Festival is produced by Glendale's Office of Special Events.

For more information, call the city of Glendale special event hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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