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## **GLENDALE ANNOUNCES NATIONAL BLUES HEADLINERS FOR JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL APRIL 9-10**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – You won't be singin' the blues long once you hear the national acts headlining Glendale's Jazz & Blues Festival Glendale April 9-10! One veteran and one relative newcomer to the blues scene will impress music-loving crowds in Historic Downtown for the 28<sup>th</sup> annual music festival.

The 2010 Blues Foundation Soul Blues Male Artist of the Year, Curtis Salgado, will headline the Blues Stage on Sunday night. His storied career has included stints with the Robert Cray Band, Muddy Waters, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Albert Collins and Bonnie Raitt. He went on to front the Grammy-winning Roomful of Blues, and was lead vocalist with Santana for some time in the 1990s. Salgado has even earned a place in pop culture history as the artist whose soulful style inspired John Belushi to create his iconic Blues Brothers characters back in the late 70s.

From a legendary veteran to one on her way to earning that title, headlining the Blues stage Saturday evening is Shemekia Copeland. Copeland is the daughter of late Texas blues guitar legend Johnny Clyde Copeland, so blues is in her blood and she recorded her first album at the tender age of 19. Grammy-nominated on her second album, she went on to open for the Rolling Stones and share the stage with such artists as Buddy Guy, B.B. King, Taj Mahal and John Mayer, and score critics choice awards from both *The New York Times* and London's *The Times*.

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## **Jazz & Blues Festival**

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The jazz and blues lineup will be rounded out with an outstanding mix of local and regional acts which will be announced in the coming weeks.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 10. Admission is free. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

This year for the first time, event attendees will have the option of paying for preferred parking in the two downtown garages, located at City Hall, at 59<sup>th</sup> and Glendale avenues and the Bank of America building at 58<sup>th</sup> Drive and Glenn Drive. The preferred parking fee is \$10.

Sponsors for the event include APS, The Arizona Republic, ABC15, Kokopelli Winery, the Phoenix Coyotes, KOOL, KMLE, JAMZ, Pacific Monarch, Sedona Pines, Residence Inn/Springhill Suites and Adina Holistics.

The city of Glendale's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual 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](http://www.glendaleaz.com/events).

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