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MUSIC, ARTS AND ROMANCE ARE HIGHLIGHTS IN ADDITION TO AMAZING CHOCOLATE

GLENDALE, Ariz. –The 18th annual Glendale Chocolate Affaire is famous for its dozens and dozens of chocolatiers, but did you know that music, the arts and romance are also highlights of this award-winning festival?

While you are enjoying delights like chocolate-covered strawberries, goat milk fudge or chocolate-covered bacon, you can also enjoy fantastic musical performances, plein air artists painting throughout the festival, as well as myriad romance novelists meeting fans, signing books, and offering writing workshops.

Visitors will find the following entertainment lineup during the festival:

Friday, Feb. 8:	7:30 p.m.	The Factory
Saturday, Feb. 9:	10 a.m.	Desert Dixie
	11:45 a.m.	Az Chicks with Picks
	1:15 p.m.	Barrio Latino
	3 p.m.	Marmalade Skies
	5:30 p.m.	Mc6 Acapella
	7:30 p.m.	Sugar Thieves
Sunday, Feb. 10:	noon	Ruby City Band
	2:30 p.m.	Urban Country

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The romance component to the event includes the largest gathering of romance novelists in the Southwest, and will feature the following authors making appearances, meeting fans and signing autographs:

A.S. Johnson;	Kim Watters;	Stacy Connelly;
Anna Questerly;	Kris Tualla;	Tami Vinson;
Brenda Whiteside;	Linda Andrews;	Tara Taylor Quinn;
Caris Roane;	Linda Style;	Taylor Michaels;
Carolyn Hughey/K.T.	Marie Patrick;	Terri Dunham;
Roberts;	Morgan Kearns;	Tia Dani;
Cathy McDavid;	Pam Tracy;	Tina Gerow;
Cherie Lee;	Pascal Marco;	Tina LaVon;
Elizabeth Parker;	Patrizia Murray/Mary	Vijaya Schartz;
Erin Quinn;	Maxie;	Wendy Ely
HD Thompson;	Rebecca L. Boschee;	
Kathryne Kennedy;	Sandra Lee Smith;	

Several authors are offering free writing workshops for aspiring or current writers looking to hone their

skills, including the following:

Saturday, Feb. 9:	10-10:50 a.m.	Kris Neri - Become a Clue Master – How to Plant Clues
	11-11:50 a.m.	Tara Taylor Quinn- It's All About the Story
	1-2:30 p.m.	Kris Tualla, Morgan Kearns, Sandra Lee Smith- Promotion 101 for Authors
	2:40-4:30 p.m.	Don Kirchner - Turning Your Creative Passion into Cash Flow
Sunday, Feb. 10:	12-12:50 p.m.	Betty Webb - Getting Five Story Ideas a Day
	1-1:50 p.m.	Jennifer Ashley- How to Become a Best-selling Fiction Author
	2-2:50 p.m.	Dr. Lois Roma-Deeley - Finding the Poet in You
	3-3:50 p.m.	Laurie Schnebly Campbell - The Personality Ladder
	4-4:50 p.m.	Carol Webb - The Do's and Don'ts of E-Book Publishing

The arts component to the festival is the 4th annual Chocolate Affaire Plein Air Competition. The Glendale Public Arts Program will coordinate the competition that will take place on Saturday. Plein air paintings are created outdoors, from real life; both painter and subject must be outdoors and photographs cannot be used, so many artists will likely be found working throughout the event and surrounding area.

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Event hours are Friday 5 - 10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The event is located in the heart of Historic Downtown Glendale, in Murphy Park, located at 58th and Glendale avenues.

The Glendale Chocolate Affaire is sponsored by Cerreta Candy Company, ABC 15, The Arizona Republic, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, Monster, , APS, the Phoenix Coyotes, Glendale Public Arts Program, AZ SciTech Festival, Camelback Ranch-Glendale, KMLE, KOOL and JAMZ.

For more information on the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, visit www.glendaleaz.com/events or call the special events hotline at 623-930-2299.

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