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CHOCOHOLICS WILL ALSO ENJOY MUSIC, ARTS AND ROMANCE AT GLENDALE CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE FEBRUARY 7-9

GLENDALE, Ariz. –The 19th 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, deep-fried Snickers and chocolate cheesecake, you can also enjoy fantastic musical performances, arts, 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. 7** 5-6 p.m. - House Music
6-7 p.m. - Sweet Tooth Contest
7:30-10 p.m. Groove Inc. (Top 40 from the 60s-90s)
- Saturday, Feb. 8** 10-11:30 a.m. - Nick and Nikki
11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. - Guitarras Latinas (Latin Guitars)
1:15-2:30 p.m. - Peppermint James (Song and Groove)
3-5:30 p.m. - Desert Dixie (Country)
5:45 - 7 p.m. - MC6 A Capella
7:3-10 p.m. - Cold Shott and The Hurricane Horns (Funk, Blues, Soul and R&B)
- Sunday, Feb. 9** Noon - 2 p.m. - Come Back Buddy Band (Rock & Roll of the 50s)
2:30 - 5 p.m. - Urban Country

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:

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Tia Dani	Erin Quinn	Morgan Kerns
Tina Gerow	H.D. Thompson	Vijaya Schartz
Brenda Whiteside	Taylor Michaels	A S Johnson
Kris Tualla	Morgan Kerns	Deena Remiel
Wendy Ely	Pam Tracy	Carolyn Hughey/KT Roberts
Stacy Connelly	Linda Andrews	T. L. Smith
Anna Questerly	Vijaya Schartz	Arlene Hittle
Marie Patrick	Wendy Ely	Wendy Ely
Morgan Kerns	Stacy Connelly	Tami Vinson
Sandra Leesmith	Anna Questerly	Marion Ekholm
Arabella Thorne	Deena Remiel	Pam Tracy
Carolyn Hughey/KT Roberts	Marie Patrick	Tina Gerow
Vijaya Schartz	Connie Flynn	Vijaya Schartz
A.S. Johnson	Sandra Leesmith	Deena Remiel
Kayce Lassiter	Victor Merkel	Kayce Lassiter
Tami Vinson	A. S. Johnson	Sharon Arthur Moore
Tia Dani	Brenda Whiteside	Victor Merkel
Tina Gerow	Arlene Hittle	A. S. Johnson
Donna Hatch	Arabella Thorne	Kris Tualla
Kim Watters	Carolyn Hughey/KT Roberts	Morgan Kerns
Tina Radcliffe	Cathy McDavid	Mary Maxie/Patrizia Murray
Kayce Lassiter	Linda Andrews	H. D. Thompson
Sharon Arthur Moore	Marie Patrick	Taylor Michaels
Marie Maxie/Patrizia Murray	Tia Dani	Susan Yarina
Marina Myles	Anna Questerly	Linda Andrews
Tara Taylor Quinn	Kris Tualla	

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Several authors are offering free writing workshops for aspiring or current writers looking to hone their skills, including the following:

- Saturday, Feb. 8 12:00-12:45 Deena Remiel - Evolution of the Alpha Male
 1:00-1:45 Kris Tualla - 4.5 Paths to Publishing
 2:00-2:45 Tina Radcliffe - Writing Romantic Short Stories
 3:00-3:45 Erin Quinn - Editors & Agents
 4:00-4:45 Morgan Kearns - Self-Publishing Pitfalls
- Sunday, Feb. 9 1:00-1:45 Anna Questerly - Using Figurative Language
 2:00-2:45 Michelle McKissack - Marketing with Facebook
 3:00-3:45 Virginia Nelson - Marketing with Swag
 4:00-4:45 Sandra Smith - Traveling for Research

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.

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's Candy Company, ABC 15, Sears Vacations, SRP, The Arizona Republic, Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, YooHoo, KMLE, KOOL, JAMZ, Diamond Resorts, the Glendale Public Art Program, the AZ Scitech Festival, Sedona Pines, Camelback-Ranch Glendale and the Coyotes.

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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