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**OLYMPIANS SPECIAL GUESTS FOR GLENDALE
GLITTERS SPECTACULAR LIGHTING NOVEMBER 28**

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Three Glendale Olympians will be the city’s special guests on Friday, Nov. 28, as Mayor Scruggs and the City Council are on hand to turn on 1.5 million lights covering 12 blocks of downtown Glendale, for Glendale Glitters Spectacular at 5:30 p.m.

Glendale will honor its hometown heroes, all three Olympians for the US Team in Beijing this past summer, with pomp and circumstance as the Valley celebrates one of its most-loved holiday traditions, the largest free holiday light display.

Eric Bennett, a physics teacher at Glendale’s Mountain Ridge High School, was a member of the 2008 Paralympics Archery Team. He has been competing internationally for more than a year, and won a gold medal at the Endeavor Games, Edmond, Okla., was the 2008 Arizona State FITA Champion, and in 2007, placed fourth in the IPC World Championships in Cheongju, South Korea.

Brady Ellison, a resident of Glendale when not training in California, competed in archery; Ellison is a two-time Junior World Champion and won the 2006 Junior Olympic Archery Development National Championships.

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The third Olympian is Glendale resident Erik Hightower, a member of the US Paralympic Track & Field Team. Hightower’s accomplishments include a bronze medal at the 2007 Parapan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and, as a member of the 2006 U.S. Paralympics Track & Field World Championships Team, he placed first in the 200M and second place in the 100M.

This festive lighting show will also feature first-class holiday entertainment with a twist! Experience twice the fun as two piano players/singers from The Shout! House at Westgate City Center, perform holiday classics face to face with their unique flair for showmanship. The show will also feature performances by the Arizona Broadway Theatre from “A Christmas Carol.”

Additional entertainment for Glendale Glitters Spectacular opening weekend includes:

Friday	November 28 Main Stage	Saturday	November 29 Main Stage
5:00	Adam Clark Trio	5:00	Holiday Brass & Flutes
5:30	Lighting program	6:00	Grace Lutheran Church Handbells
6:00	The Shout! House	7:00	Marilyn's Academy of Dance
8:00	Stagedoor Dance Center	8:00	Precision Dance & Cheer
9:00	On Stage Dance Academy	9:00	Glendale High School Choir
	APS Holiday Stage		APS Holiday Stage
6:15	Adam Clark Quartet	5:00	Tod and Ethan
8:00	Come Back Buddy	7:30	Cantare
		9:00	Arizona Broadway Theatre

Glendale Glitters Spectacular is sponsored by APS, Shell Vacations, KTVK Channel 3, KMLE, KOOL, 101.5 Jamz, 7-UP, Bass, Fidelity Investments and the Arizona Republic. For more information, call the Special Event Hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

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