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GET YOUR FILL OF MUSIC, ROMANCE, ART PLUS CHOCOLATE AT GLENDALE'S ANNUAL CHOCOLATE AFFAIRE FEBRUARY 3-5

GLENDALE, Ariz. –The 22nd 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, truffles, fudge or a chocolate-steamed bun, you can also enjoy fantastic musical performances, plein air artists painting throughout the festival on Saturday, 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. 3:	6 p.m.	Sweet Tooth Contest
	7:30 p.m.	The Rich Berra Band
Saturday, Feb. 4:	10 a.m.	3Nations
	11:45 a.m.	Vintage Wednesday
	1:15 p.m.	76 th Street
	3 p.m.	Desert Dixie
	5:45 p.m.	Lee Perreira Band
	7:30 p.m.	Mandatory Fun
Sunday, Feb. 5:	Noon	Ashley Wineland
	2:30 p.m.	Zimis

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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:

Friday 5-10PM

Marie Patrick
Cathy McDavid
K. T. Roberts
Tonya Plank
Arabella Thorne
Kris Tualla
Deena Remiel
Stacy Connelly
Pamela Tracy
Kayce Lassiter
Tina Gerow/Cassie Ryan
Tia Dani
Tina Swayzee McCright
Wendy Ely
T. L. Smith

Saturday 2-6PM

Carmen Gerakos
[Mona Hodgson](#)
Cheyenne McCray
Tina Gerow/Cassie Ryan
Kayce Lassiter
Cathy McDavid
K. T. Roberts
Kris Tualla
Marion Ekholm
Anna Qvesterly
Deena Remiel
Vijaya Schartz
Stacy Connelly
Ellen L. Buikema
Charlene Kingston

Sunday Noon-5PM

Carmen Gerakos
Linda Andrews
Tina Gerow/Cassie Ryan
Kayce Lassiter
Taylor Michaels
Julianna Douglas
Tonya Plank
Vijaya Schartz
Ginger Scott
Tina Swayzee McCright
Tia Dani
Wendy Ely
Merle McCann
Susan Budavari

Saturday 10-2PM

Calista Fox
Pamela Tracy
Taylor Michaels
Julianna Douglas
Arabella Thorne
Suzanne Floyd
Leslie Keller
Ginger Scott
Abigail Johnson
Sabrina Devonshire
A. K. Smith
Maegan Beaumont
Dane McCaslin
Erin Quinn
Tina Swayzee-McCright

Saturday 6-10PM

Marie Patrick
Tina Swayzee McCright
Tia Dani
Linda Andrews
K. T. Roberts
Kris Tualla
Deena Remiel
Vijaya Schartz
Wendy Ely
Suzanne Flaig
Sandra Rose Simmons
Tim Moore
T. L. Smith
Rita Toma
Cheyenne McCray

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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. 4:	10 a.m.	All The Feels: Teen Romance 101 Authors: Abigail Johnson, Ginger Scott, Sara Fujimura
	11 a.m.	The Fun Thing About Plotting Author: Vijaya Schartz
	Noon	How the Whodunit is Done Author: K. T. Roberts
	1 p.m.	Making Stuff Up With The BMGs Author: Butterscotch Martini Girls
	2 p.m.	Got Romance? Authors : Cheyenne Mccray, Calista Fox, Cassie Ryan, Erin Quinn
	3 p.m.	Wannabe/Gonnabe Author: Pamela Tracy
	4 p.m.	Researching History for the Story Author: Mona Hodgson
	5 p.m.	Social Media Author: Charlene Kingston

The arts component to the festival is the annual Glendale Plein Air Competition. The city of Glendale Public Art Program presents this competition, which will take place on Saturday. Artists will sign up in the morning at the Promenade at Paltaire, then come back with their painting in the afternoon for the judging to take place. 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. Be sure to stop by the Promenade on Paltaire at 4 p.m. to see the judging. The Glendale Mayor and Council will be on hand to judge the “Council Choice” award category. Valley artist and educator, Joan Thompson, will judge the Best of Show, Second and Third Place awards. Artists interested in participating in this free competition can call 623-930-3557 or view the guidelines by visiting www.glendaleaz.com/arts.

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In addition, this year a performance art piece will be a part of the festival on Saturday, between 5 and 9 p.m. Tarra Lazos Creative will perform the interactive ‘It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Tea Party!’ inspired by Alice in Wonderland and Willy Wonka! Presented on a large-scale, elaborately decorated tea table/stage that seats 30, it will include improv, acting, circus, and musical performances, as well as an aerialist over the table to pour tea into the performers’ mouths and feed them chocolate crumpets. As guests walk by, they will be encouraged to sit down to have tea with these mad characters briefly, being immersed in a hilarious, fun and beautiful setting of live theatre, where everyone is part of the show. The project is also presented by the City of Glendale Public Art Program.

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, and sponsored by Valley Buick-GMC Dealers, SRP, 3TV-KTVK, KMLE, KOOL, Live 101.5, The Arizona Republic, Camelback Ranch-Glendale, The Glendale Public Art Program and the AZ Scitech Festival.

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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