

Top 10 Finalists Selected For Al Johnson Performing Songwriter Contest At Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival

Storytelling songwriters will compete in live finals on Saturday, May 18 on the Singer Songwriter Stage in the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts.

RICHARDSON, TX, USA, May 1, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Top 10 Finalists for the 2024 [Al Johnson Performing Songwriter Contest](#) have been selected to compete live at Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival. Hundreds of entries were received from storytelling songwriters across the country and a panel of judges narrowed it down to the following finalists:



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Gloria Anderson - Luling, Texas
Bud Bierhaus - Katy, Texas
Mary Broussard - Lafayette, Louisiana
Katrina Cain - Austin, Texas
Steve Jackson - Irving, Texas
Sarah King - Ripton, Vermont
Mike T. Lewis - Nashville, Tennessee
Zach Maberry - Tyler, Texas
Aryn Michelle - Irving, Texas
Rene Moffatt - Denver, Colorado

The award-winning Al Johnson Performing Songwriter Contest has for more than 20 years encouraged the growth of the art of independent performing songwriters. The Top 10 Finalists compete for the prize packages that include \$1,000 1st Place, \$500 2nd Place, \$500 People's Choice Award, one-year premium Broadjam membership, and invitation to play a set on the CityLine Stage on Sunday, May 19. Live finals are scheduled to be held on May 18 on the Singer Songwriter Stage in the Charles W. Eisemann Center for Performing Arts.

“Many people can write a song; however, it is a truly brave person who will expose themselves by putting their song down on paper, then stand in front of the world and sing it for all to hear.” said Al Johnson, founder of the program, a longtime supporter of the song writing community, and the Wildflower! contest is named and continued in his memory.

On Friday, May 17 is the Wildflower! [Songwriting Workshop](#) led by the legendary Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines. Hendrix is a pioneering independent songwriter that was recently recognized by Acoustic Guitar Magazine as one of Texas’ 20 essential contemporary singer-songwriters. A Grammy-winning producer and musician, the Lubbock-born Maines has toured and recorded with Joe Ely, Pat Green, The Chicks’, Roger Creager, Jerry Jeff Walker and numerous artists in the past 40 years.

The workshop consists of tips on how to kickstart songwriting creativity, finding the right key for your voice, pre-show warm-up suggestions, stage banter, keeping songs interesting from start to finish, and more. Participants must be at least 17 years old and \$50 registration includes lunch and a general admission ticket to Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival. The event will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Courtyard Dallas Richardson at Spring Valley.

Headliners for the Methodist Richardson Medical Center Stage,



The poster features a blue background with a white text box on the right. At the top, the Wildflower! logo is in orange and white, with 'ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL' in smaller text below it. The main title 'Songwriting Workshop' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, 'Featuring Instructors Terri Hendrix & Lloyd Maines' is written in a smaller font. A photograph shows Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines playing acoustic guitars. To the right of the photo, the date and time 'May 17, 2024 9:00am - 4:00pm' are listed, followed by the location 'Courtyard Dallas Richardson at Spring Valley'. The price '\$50 per person' is prominently displayed, with a note that it 'Includes lunch & one ticket to Wildflower! Festival'. A 'Register Online' button with a QR code is present, along with the website 'wildflowerfestival.com'. The bottom of the poster has a colorful, abstract illustration of a festival scene with a slide, a stage, and musical notes.

Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival Songwriting Workshop



The poster has a vibrant, colorful background with a blue sky, yellow and pink circles, and musical notes. The title 'Wildflower!' is written in a large, stylized, orange font with a flower icon integrated into the letter 'o'. Below it, 'ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL' is written in bold, black letters. The dates 'MAY 17-19' are in large, white, bold letters, with '2024' in orange below them. At the bottom, there is a colorful illustration of a festival stage labeled 'METHODIST RICHARDSON STAGE' with a crowd of people and musical instruments.

Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival 2024 in Richardson Texas

Texans Credit Union Stage, and Charles W. Eisemann Center include groovy bands such as Nile Rodgers & CHIC, Randy Rogers Band, AWOLNATION, GROUPLOVE, KC & The Sunshine Band, Saint Motel, The Struts, and Sister Sledge. The wild three-day weekend offers fans more than 100 bands on six stages within Galatyn Park Urban Center.

The Patterson & Associates Performance Row is located in front of the Eisemann Center and will showcase Mariachi Arraigo de America, Bolly Rhythms Dance Academy, Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble and the wonder of Sway's Bloom!

In the heart of the festival grounds is the Prosperity Bank Marketplace for shopping accessories, art, clothing, jewelry, and décor. Grab a bite to eat from the Ovation at Galatyn Park Food Court that offers shaded seating and favorite festival treats.

Discounted ticket pricing valid through April 30 is \$65 for the three-day pass, \$30 for general admission one-day on Friday or Saturday, and \$15 for Sunday. Richardson residents may purchase up to eight tickets for \$15 online. Kids age 12 and under receive free admission.

The festival hours are:

- o Friday, May 17, 6 p.m.-midnight
- o Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m.-midnight
- o Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Complimentary parking is available within the nearby surrounding area. Festivalgoers are encouraged to take advantage of the DART Red Line light rail, which stops at the Galatyn Park Station, located immediately adjacent to the west side of the festival grounds.

About Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival

Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival began in 1993 and is produced by the City of Richardson Parks & Recreation Department. Follow Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival on social media with the official hashtags #WAMFEST24 #RichardsonRocks or visit www.wildflowerfestival.com for more information.

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