

Host Walt Richardson



Tempe favorite Walt Richardson, II, has been singing, writing songs and playing guitar as far back as he can remember. At one time he was planning to pursue a career in bio-chemistry. That was when he learned the power of music and live performance.

Richardson is host of the popular Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night series and the award-winning Songwriters' Showcase concert and television series. "In the Spotlight" allows him to continue his support of the live music community.

Songwriters' Showcase XI with Chuck Hall



7:30 p.m., May 23
Tickets on sale now

\$10 door/telephone; \$12 online
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Featuring

Archie Carry On

John Laman

Christie Huff

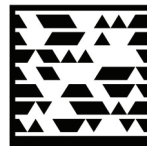
Gary Marsh

with Host Walt Richardson

7:30-10:30 p.m., April 11
Studio



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Archie Carry On

Archie Carry On is a new resident to Tempe, hailing from Casa Grande, but he is not an unfamiliar face to the local music scene. From performing numerous events to serving as co-host of an Open Mic, many will recognize this singer/songwriter. Reminiscent of his days as a street musician, Carry On is seen with his guitar all over town and befriends most everyone he meets. Moving from street corners to various shows and festivals, Carry On rightfully calls himself, “a simple guy who likes to make a fool of himself on stage.” Regardless of the crazy shenanigans that happen on stage, audiences can rely on Carry On to play from the heart as he entertains. “I am so grateful for the music community here in Arizona. For a goofy singer/songwriter like me to be able to perform for such a supportive group of people makes me proud to live in Tempe.” [facebook.com/archiecarryonmusic](https://www.facebook.com/archiecarryonmusic)



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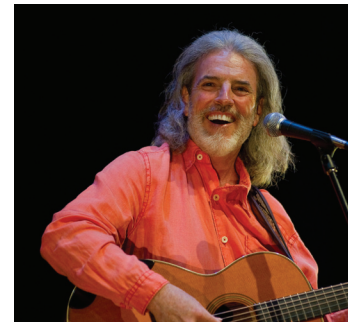


Christie Huff is a rising country singer/songwriter from Mesa. At just 18, she has impressed audiences in Nashville, Hawaii, Utah, Southern California and, of course, Arizona. Huff recorded her debut album, *Sweet Love To Come Home To* with Jeff Dayton in Nashville in August 2013. She finds inspiration for her songs from her experiences as a young woman, as well as from the experiences of others in her life. One of her favorite songs, *Soldier Song*, was inspired when a friend’s husband was deployed to Iraq. Like all

of her music, this song combines her soulful vocals with a Nashville sound. She has written more than 75 songs, and many of them have been performed for audiences at numerous venues throughout the Southwest. christiehuffmusic.com

John Laman

John Laman captures the hearts of his listeners in a personal way with a style and voice all his own. Laman’s songwriting is a blend of folk, country and blues styles. He was born in Pennsylvania but has lived most of his life in Arizona. He started writing songs from the time he picked up a guitar in high school. “I was never interested in recreating what others had already done. When I first picked up the guitar I was always ‘noodling,’ creating, trying to find what I had to say through songs,” he said. Laman currently plays with his band The Blue Goats at local venues and arts and music festivals. The band recently released its first CD “Grazing Arizona” which features many of his original songs. thebluegoats.com



Gary Marsh

Gary Marsh is an original. He writes from a life lived and learned, loved and lost and found again. Now officially retired from anything that resembles normalcy, Marsh has spent the last few years building a portfolio of music. A few years ago, he officiated a wedding at Tempe Center for the Arts and saw a sign for Walk-in

Wednesdays Open Mic Night. He always believed that there was a singer/songwriter buried in him somewhere and decided to give the open mic a try. A year later he performed his first couple of songs. He was picked the next year for TCA’s Songwriter’s Showcase and he is still beaming. The attention helped him find his way into the studio of two-time Grammy winning musician and producer Billy Williams, and he still is pinching himself. Since that introduction, Marsh and Williams have recorded 17 songs together in about the same number months. Marsh’s wife is now making him appear in public so the family pet is not the only thing subjected to these songs over and over again. garymarshmusic.com

The Tempe Center for the Arts is proud to continue its support of the live music community. Visit www.tempe.gov/TCA for information about “In the Spotlight,” “Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night,” “Songwriters’ Showcase” and the many events that take place in the center.

