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Three internationally recognised guitarists to entertain at free concert

Gladstone Region residents can enjoy our mild winter weather and be entertained outdoors for free by three internationally recognised guitarists.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said Gladstone Regional Council and Red Chair, supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, would present the community event on July 13 at 7.30pm.

“Gladstone’s Library Square offers the ideal, relaxed setting for residents to enjoy this free, Acoustic Guitar Spectacular,” Councillor Burnett said.

“This is a rare opportunity to hear amazing musical talent on the one stage with the diverse musical backgrounds of the guitarists providing incredible music style variety for audiences.”

Performing on stage will be internationally acclaimed Brisbane acoustic guitarist, Michael Fix, who was recently named one of Australia’s Top 25 Guitarists of All Time by readers of *Guitarist Australia* magazine.

Michael will be joined by high-energy Italian virtuoso, Andrea Valeri, and Queensland fingerstyle guitarist, Sarah Koppen.

Cr Burnett said the free community concert would appeal to all residents, not just guitar enthusiasts.

“Each guitarist is known for their ability to entertain and present music with stories, songs and humour,” he said.

“Adding to the entertainment value, the community concert has been structured to allow lots of opportunity for spontaneity and improvisation.”

Guitarists will play as an ensemble as well as display their individual talents as solo artists.

“Two free workshops for the community will be held earlier on the day, with one already booked out,” Cr Burnett said.

Places remain available in a free, one-hour workshop, presented by Andrea Valeri, on July 13 from 11am to noon.

Andrea will discuss and demonstrate ideas linked to composing film soundtracks, creating music to suit scenes and moods and talk about turning emotions into music.

Workshop places can be reserved online at www.gladecc.com.au/events or call the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre box office on 4972 2822.

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