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## **The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wire & Wood Alpharetta Songwriters Festival Announces Headliners**

***This Two-Day, Free Event Includes Many Well-Known, National & Local Artists***

**ALPHARETTA, Ga.** – [The Wire & Wood Alpharetta Songwriters Festival](#) returns to downtown Alpharetta, Ga. for its sixth year on October 12 - 13, 2018. Headliners will include **Robert Randolph and The Family Band, Justin Townes Earle, Dan Wilson (Semisonic) and Glen Phillips (Toad the Wet Sprocket)**. The 2-day event, that runs from 5p.m. – 10 p.m. each day, will be free to the public this year.

**The Wire & Wood Alpharetta Songwriters Festival** brings nationally and locally recognized singer-songwriters together, giving music lovers a behind-the-scenes look at the stories that have inspired many musical genres. **The Wire & Wood Alpharetta Songwriters Festival** takes place at multiple indoor and outdoor venues throughout downtown Alpharetta, making this a beloved, family-friendly weekend event. Attendees will experience renowned veteran songsmiths and local up-and-coming talent as music fills the streets.

Robert Randolph, who has been called the Jimmy Hendrix of pedal steel guitar, will perform Saturday night on the main stage. Justin Townes Earle's songwriting pedigree is undeniable; he is Steve Earle's son and is named after Townes Van Zant. Dan Wilson, will perform his show "Words & Music by Dan Wilson" featuring an evening of songs and stories that pull back the curtain on the art of songwriting including his three modern classics: "Closing Time", which he wrote for his band, Semisonic, "Not Ready to Make Nice" (co-written with Dixie Chicks) and "Someone Like You" (co-written with Adele). Glen Phillips formed Toad the Wet Sprocket in high school which became internationally famous for hits including "Walk On The Ocean" and "All I Want" which festival goers will be sure to hear among many others from his inestimable solo songwriting catalog.

Additional artists confirmed to perform at the sixth annual **Wire & Wood Alpharetta Songwriters Festival** include Alex Guthrie, Lilly Winwood, Eliot Bronson, Chasing Lovely, Davin McCoy, Hannah Thomas, Yesterday's Wine featuring Wyatt Durette and Levi Lowrey, The Last Chance Riders, Wesley Cook, Jennifer Lynn Simpson, The Mosleys, Across The Wide, ESOEBO and more to be announced soon.

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“Wire and Wood is one of my favorite events, and I am thrilled that we are able to make this event free to the community this year, through the generous support of our local businesses, partners and sponsors,” said Morgan Rodgers, Director of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Services for the City of Alpharetta.

With five unique shopping districts, more than 200 restaurants and one-of-a-kind attractions, it is easy to hit the right note with a weekend getaway to **The Wire & Wood Alpharetta Songwriters Festival**. Visitors and local residents can turn up the volume on this music weekend with concert happenings taking place across downtown Alpharetta stages.

“Since its debut in 2013, the Wire & Wood Songwriters Festival has been a terrific way for nationally recognized singer-songwriters to connect with the community and share the stories behind the songs while also showcasing Alpharetta’s vibrant and growing music scene,” said Janet Rodgers, president and CEO of the Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau. “We are also excited that the event will be free this year allowing more visitors and residents to come out and enjoy great music.”

For more information about **The Wire & Wood Alpharetta Songwriters Festival**, visit [awesomealpharetta.com](http://awesomealpharetta.com). **The Wire & Wood Alpharetta Songwriters Festival** is presented by the City of Alpharetta and the Alpharetta Convention & Visitors Bureau.

To view additional photos from past **Wire & Wood Alpharetta Songwriters Festivals** and 2018 headliner artist photos and bios visit: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/sjr8wssw1rd819y/AAC0Lo\\_h-ZTNdNqUC9lekkOza?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/sjr8wssw1rd819y/AAC0Lo_h-ZTNdNqUC9lekkOza?dl=0)

#### **Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau**

The Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau serves as the official destination marketing organization for the city of Alpharetta, Ga. Recently named “One of the South’s Friendliest Cities” by *Southern Living Magazine* and “One of the Best Places to Visit in Georgia” by Vacationidea.com, Alpharetta is conveniently located just 22 miles north of Atlanta. For more information call 678.297.2811 or visit [awesomealpharetta.com](http://awesomealpharetta.com).

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