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Gardner-Webb Welcomes Two Successful Songwriters to Campus for a Workshop and Concert

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Glenn Selby

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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— Accomplished songwriters Glenn Selby and Steve Simpson will visit Gardner-Webb University on Saturday, Sept. 23 for a songwriting workshop and concert. This event is part of the GWU School of Performing and Visual Arts Distinguished Artist Series. The workshop will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Recital Hall of O. Max Gardner Hall, and the concert will begin at 8 p.m. in Blanton Auditorium, located in Hamrick Hall. These programs are free and open to the public.

At the workshop, Selby and Simpson will talk about the ins and outs of the music business and the process of publishing songs. They will also go over some key songwriting techniques and share tips on how to turn small ideas into successful, memorable music. Aspiring songwriters at GWU are invited to participate in a song circle at the workshop, where each participant will have a turn to share a song they have written and receive constructive feedback.

Steve Simpson

Steve Simpson (Bob Leverone Photography)

Dr. Patricia Sparti, GWU Professor of Music, is very excited to welcome these songwriters and their original music to the Gardner-Webb campus. She highly recommends the workshop especially for music business students and those who are interested in entering songwriting contests. “Steve Simpson is a genius. He’s amazing, his stories just come to life in his songs. Glenn Selby is also a very sought-after songwriter and teacher,” Sparti said. “The workshop will be very folksy and laid-back, but they will also really get into the nuts and bolts of the music business.”

Selby received a Bachelor of Music and a Minor in Music Business from Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. He has worked as a publisher, producer, mentor, contest judge, and co-writer, and he is currently the official mentor for the Charlotte Chapter of the Nashville Songwriters Association.

Simpson has been writing songs as a hobby for 20 years and has won several songwriting awards. He is also a member of the Nashville Songwriters Association International and is currently one of the coordinators of the Rock Hill, S.C. chapter.

Auxiliary aids will be made available to persons with disabilities upon request 48 hours prior to the event. Please call 704.406.4264 or email servicerequests@gardner-webb.edu with your request.

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