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Chelsea District Library Launches Annual Celebration of Songwriting

CHELSEA, MICHIGAN, August 25, 2017—Chelsea District Library announces its first celebration of the art and craft of songwriting, the CDL Song Fest 2017. CDL Song Fest 2017 will take place on Saturday, September 30 with special pre-Fest events on Thursday, September 28 and Friday, September 29. CDL Song Fest 2017 will feature family activities, a teen workshop, and opportunities to flex songwriting muscles plus, performances by local artists and nationally known songwriter, Paul Burch. The Song Fest is family friendly and open to the public. The full schedule and more information can be found by visiting chelseadistrictlibrary.org/songfest.

"The Song Fest had a terrific ten-year run in Ypsilanti," said Lori Coryell, Executive Director, Chelsea District Library. "I am delighted that this program has found a new home in Chelsea. It's a natural fit! The Chelsea community enthusiastically embraces and celebrates the arts. We are thrilled to have Paul Burch -- who is so supportive of the mission of public libraries -- to share his unique vision of American roots music for our inaugural Song Fest."

CDL Song Fest 2017 Schedule

Thursday, Sep. 28 | 7-9pm

Jimmie Rodgers: An Interpretation by Paul Burch

Friday, Sep. 29 | 12:30–1:30pm Life Stories with Paul Burch

Saturday, Sep. 30 9–9:30am Market Music Storytime

10-11am Kevin Devine's Rollicking Family Concert

11am-12pm Make & Take Instruments & Exotic Instrument Zoo

11am-12pm Songwriting Mentor Sessions

- 12pm-12:30pm A2SO KinderConcert
- 1-2pm Gear Talk
- 1–2pm "So, you want to start a band?"
- 2-3pm Beat the Clock Song Writing Challenge
- 2-3pm Teen Songwriting Workshop with John E. Lawrence
- 3-5pm Variety Showcase
- 7:30-10pm Paul Birch Live with Martin Bandyke at Chelsea Alehouse

About Paul Burch

For more than two decades, Paul Burch's unique vision of American roots music has attracted characters and collaborators from punk to honky tonk. "At the risk of being impeached by the bluegrass purists," wrote legendary music critic Chet Flippo, "I think Burch is the best duet partner Ralph Stanley has found since his brother, Carter Stanley, died in1966." https://paulburch.com/backlife. For more information on Paul Burch, visit paulburch.com.

About Chelsea District Library

Chelsea District Library is a not for profit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The Library currently serves 15,100 residents in the Chelsea district – City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships and more than 20,000 individuals visit the Library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org

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