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Tom Paxton to headline 16th Cooper's Glen Music Festival

KALAMAZOO, MI --

The Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association (GLAMA) will continue its tradition of bringing top-notch, varied and eclectic entertainment to Kalamazoo with the 16th Cooper's Glen Music Festival on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 100 West Michigan Avenue, in Kalamazoo.

Americana folk icon Tom Paxton will be the lead entertainer among a varied, impressive lineup for evening concerts. Jam sessions, vendor displays, and afternoon workshops that showcase festival performers will round out the one-day fest.

Says GLAMA President Kathy Nichols, "We are especially excited to bring Tom Paxton to Kalamazoo with Cooper's Glen! His music has entertained and influenced three generations, and it will continue to do so for many more." After performing thousands of concerts around the world, Paxton is celebrating his 80th birthday with a new recording and a tour. The enduring power of his songs such as *The Last Thing On My Mind*, *Ramblin' Boy*, *Bottle Of Wine*, and *The Marvelous Toy* are standards and appear on recordings by many other artists as well.

Other featured artists are the two-time Grammy winning duo, Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer; Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper -- named the Instrumental Band of 2017 by the International Bluegrass Music Association; and an acoustic trio led by Don Julin, who hails from Traverse City and has been referred to as The Mandolin Master of Michigan.

Formed in 1998, GLAMA is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to promoting, performing and preserving acoustic music – the blend of stringed instruments and voices that tell stories and knit together generations of music makers, songwriters and listeners.

In addition to the Cooper's Glen Music Festival, GLAMA offers regular opportunities for participation in various forms of organized jam sessions and singing groups for musicians of all ages and abilities.

For more information about GLAMA and the Cooper's Glen music festival, including tickets, visit [www.greatlakesacoustic.org](http://www.greatlakesacoustic.org).

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