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TN Songwriters Qualifying Round - Jackson Winners Izzy Arthurs and Ben Colling

JACKSON, TENNESSEE — The Tennessee Legends of Music Museum at the Carnegie and Jackson: Hidden Tracks hosted an official <u>TN Songwriters Week Qualifying Round</u> on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Judges Dr. Jeremy Tubbs, Ashley Kate Adams and Bryton Wallace — cast the votes.

Artist Izzy Arthurs won first prize in the competition with "Long Time Coming." Ben Colling won second place with his song, "Hollow"

They will advance to the Semi Finals Showcase at Lafayette's Music Room on **Sunday**, **February 18, 2024** - 2119 Madison Ave, Memphis and the chance to perform at the Bluebird Cafe, Nashville. The songwriters will be judged by peers in the music industry.

To view the TN Songwriters Qualifying Round – Jackson click here.

Additional Songwriters shared their best original music and are as follows: Ellie Austin, Carita Cole, Michael Mayes, Jayland Lyles, Johnna Day, Michael Timby, Liza Lovelace, Michael Smith, Chance Mitchell, Brooke Cagle, Ben Trainor, Blake Hooks, and Adam Champion

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Thank you to Becky Fly and Rodger Jowers of the Tennessee Legends of Music Museum, at the Carnegie for hosting the annual event. Jeff Stephens Video Productions provided incredible streaming services and production guidance. Finally, the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development for bringing the event to life across the state of Tennessee.

"The great thing about this event is the opportunity to experience the talent of the incredible songwriters, musicians, and artists. Our goal as a tourism office in Jackson is to help to promote the music, so this is just another step in that direction," Lori Nunnery, CEO of Visit Jackson, TN.

Tennessee Songwriters Week will take place **Feb. 18-24, 2024**, and the mission is to inspire travelers to experience the state's music stories, history, attractions, and venues. Tennessee Songwriters Week supports music venues, generates awareness of songwriters' contributions to Tennessee, celebrates the foundation of the craft with live performances at stage across the stage, and paves the way for present and future artists in all seven genres of music home to Tennessee.

Whether it's an annual event or one of our great live music venues, experience the music which could only be <u>Jackson: Hidden Tracks</u> found halfway between Memphis and Nashville in the heart of the <u>Americana Music Triangle</u>! Connect socially on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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