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Lockhart Songwriter Series Features Mo McMorrow

(Lockhart) The historic Dr. Eugene Clark Library's *Evenings with the Songwriter* features Mo McMorrow, Tuesday, July 25, 7:00pm. Lockhart songwriter Fletcher Clark hosts this monthly series on the last Tuesday of each month. Now in its seventh season, this is free to the public.

Mo McMorrow is an artist, singer-songwriter, videographer, teacher, speaker, creativity coach... or a 'Creativologist' for lack of a better word. Now based near Austin, Texas, she was born in Canada to Australian parents, then moved to Sydney in her mid twenties to continue art studies. Fast forward to 1996 – left on an around the world trip – first stop, a week in Ireland – but she stayed eleven years! She tells of an experience in a thatched cottage that changed the course, convincing her to overcome her stage fright. “If you’ve got a song in you, the Irish will get it out of you,” says Mo. In 2007 the lure of Texas brought her across the ocean. Today she lives in a cabin in the Hill Country beside her studio.

McMorrow began her music career in Ireland where she came to grips with her crippling performance anxiety to share her songs, initially with the patrons of the well known and loved Winkles in Kinvara (where Mo shared a song circles with John Prine) then on to venues all over Ireland. In 2006-7 she teamed up with Mary Shannon on banjo (of the famous Sharon Shannon Big Band) and they delighted audiences with an eclectic and original mix of Americana and traditional tunes and songs. She moved to Austin in 2008 and has since recorded two CDs, the second of which, ‘Hangin’ on a Nail’, she engineered and produced herself at home (with

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fabulous violinist Richard Bowden as her whole band). An accomplished painter she created the cover art as a collage with squares sent from people around the world thereby embodying the spirit of connection in the title track song.

Mo is a two time regional winner of the New Folk song contest at the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival. As a performer she sparkles with life. One moment she's disarmingly funny the next she's flying you out to the stars to look down at our planet with a full heart.

"Songwriters often have other art forms as parallel avenues of expression" said Fletcher Clark. "Mo's range is so wide with such a diverse background, I look forward to exploring her unusual path."

Over sixty celebrated artists have been featured in *Evenings with the Songwriter*, including such luminaries as Shake Russell, Christine Albert, Tish Hinojosa, Vince Bell, Sara Hickman, Eric Taylor, Butch Hancock, Lisa Morales, Dana Cooper, Karen Mal, George Ensle, Shelley King, and Walt Wilkins. The 2017 Season continues with author/producer Craig Hillis, Bianca De Leon & Butch Morgan, Freddie Krc, and Claudia Nygaard.

Producer Clark says, "This is not just a performance nor an interview nor a song swap nor a lecture, but elements of all. We explore 'the art and craft of songwriting' in this oldest continually operating library building in Texas." Clark credits the ambiance of the room for the special focus appreciated by the audience and his guests alike. The series is presented to the public free of charge on the last Tuesday of the month, thanks to City of Lockhart Library Director Bertha Martinez and her staff. Support comes from local *Friends of the Song* sponsors Todd Blomerth & Patti Payne, Donaly & Clare Brice, and Robert & Esther Wilson.

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