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Gila / Mimbres Community Radio - GMCR - will have a fund raising benefit performance of three of Southwest New Mexico's most talented songwriters on Sunday 5 May 2007 from 5 to 8pm at **Isaac's Bar & Grill** in beautiful downtown Silver City, NM at the corner of Bullard & Broadway. The phone number at the venue is 505.388.4090. The suggested donation at the door is \$10. Isaac's will provide snacks and all attending must be 21 years of age with ID.

The performers are **Melanie Zipin**, **Gurney Dobbs**, and **Kyle Johnson**. All have produced CDs and will make some of those available at the event. Melanie Zipin's 3rd and current release is Shades of Blue. She is a favorite at local venues for here soulful vocals and pop sensibility. Gurney Dobbs performs rarely but when he does usually brings down the house as he has done in the last few years at the GlenWoodStock festival. Kyle Johnson has a long pedigree as a solo performer in Los Angeles, London and parts between as well as in several bands.

The benefit will raise funds for the GMCR effort to establish and operate a community radio station in Silver City that will serve Grant County and the adjacent area of Southwest New Mexico. GMCR will submit it's FCC application in October and seeks community support both by participation and financially.

The station will be non-profit, non-commercial, member based, listener supported, locally oriented, and volunteer operated. It will have a strong educational component and air a wide variety of music, news and public affairs, spanish language programming, and a range of interests including music, the arts, culture, science, spirituality, the environment, economics, entertainment, and media literacy.

For additional information on the event or the radio project, visit the Gila / Mimbres Community Radio website at <u>www.gmcr.org</u>, write to <u>email@gmcr.org</u>, or call 505.535.2860.