

World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra

The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform 1937 Part B on Friday, June 12th at 4:00 pm, a concert in the auditorium on Friday, June 12th at 7:00 PM, and Saturday at 7:30 PM with The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra for the 1st time in Clarinda, “Battle of the Bands”



The Glenn Miller Orchestra



Glenn Miller—1937 Part B



The Glenn Miller Orchestra & The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra—“Battle of the Bands”

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra will perform on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 5:00 PM.



Tommy Dorsey, “The Sentimental Gentleman”, was unsurpassed as a bandleader during The Swing Era of American popular music. From 1935 to 1956 the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra was recognized as the greatest dance band, swinging with the best and beyond compare when setting the mood with a romantic ballad. Today’s One and Only Tommy Dorsey Orchestra continues this great tradition for audiences worldwide, and fans of all ages.

Gooch & The Guys



Gooch and the Guys will perform Saturday, June 13th at 1:00 pm. Gooch has become one of the Glenn Miller festival's favorite band. A 17-piece musical extravaganza playing big band jazz and vocal numbers covering classic tunes from some of the best writers and arrangers of the 20th Century.

Adam Swanson



Adam Swanson will perform on Friday, June 12th at 1:00 PM. Adam is the only 4-time World Champion Ragtime Piano Player and a Glenn Miller festival favorite. Adam will showcase a silent film with music featuring Buster Keaton.

Moonlight Serenade Orchestra



For Booking Info:
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THE MOONLIGHT SERENADE ORCHESTRA

Moonlight Serenade Orchestra will perform on Saturday, June 13th at 3:00 PM

**The Moonlight Serenade Orchestra is a 20-piece big band that has been performing in Kansas City since 2001!
We are blessed to be a part of the 2026 Glenn Miller Festival!!!**

Northwest Missouri Big Band led by Dr. Bill Richardson

**The Northwest Missouri Big Band will perform at the Glenn Miller festival pancake breakfast,
on Saturday, June 13 at 7:00 am at the Clarinda Fire Station.**



Under the direction of Dr. William S. Richardson, the Northwest Missouri Big Band features talented jazz musicians from the four-state region. Sponsored by Phi Beta (the oldest multi-disciplinary fine arts organization in the United States), this high-energy group promises to leave audiences tapping their feet and whistling a tune. The N.M.B.B. is proud to perform at the 2026 Glenn Miller Festival for the annual "Big Band Breakfast!"

Glenn Miller Collections Presentation

Dennis Spragg, with the Glenn Miller Collections will facilitate the “Producing of the Glenn Miller Story” and the Panel Discussion on Saturday, June 13th beginning at 9:30 AM.

Dennis Spragg coordinates the Glenn Miller Collections at the American Music Research Center, University of Colorado Boulder, serves on the AMRC advisory board and as historian of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society in Clarinda, Iowa, and is host to GMBS yearly Glenn Miller festival in Clarinda. Meanwhile, with legendary Denver radio personality Rick Crandall, he produces the acclaimed weekly big band broadcast the *Star-Spangled Radio Hour*. Likewise, Dennis directs the Glenn Miller Collections website and social media. Moreover, he writes widely respected opinion articles that connect the history of America and exceptionalism with current events.



GMBS Big Band



Jarrold Harrah and the GMBC Big Band will perform Thursday, June 11, 2026 downtown on the Square at 6:00 pm for a free concert. The band also performs on Friday, June 12th at 8:00 am during the Stage Show.

The GMBS Big Band is comprised of musicians from all over the country that come together yearly to play at the Glenn Miller festival. In 2025 the Big Band was led by Jarrold Harrah, as the new leader of the band. Jarrold did an outstanding job of including any and all of the GMBS Music Scholarship competition winners that were interested in performing with the band. The winners were thrilled to be included in the band and were able to showcase their talents. In 2025 the band performed, for the 1st time, downtown on the town Square on Thursday evening and enjoyed the festival opening barbeque which was also held downtown. Jarrold recruited former Glenn Miller Orchestra leader, Nick Hilscher, and former vocal music scholarship winner, Oliviana Marie to sing with the band. It was hard to tell whether Jarrold and the GMBS Big Band had more fun than the audience. We look forward to hearing the band again this year.

GMBS Music Scholarship Competition

The GMBS Music Scholarship Competition will be held on Thursday, June 11 with the instrumental portion at 8:15 am and the vocal portion at 1:00 pm.

This year, we are excited to announce we have revamped the competition featuring the largest prize pool ever! The winners will be showcased during the Stage Show on Friday, June 12th at 8:00 am.

You can find all of the festival information, along with the schedule of events and ticket order forms in this packet.

To order tickets, complete the form and mail to the Museum or phone your order to the Museum.

Any questions, contact: Shari@glennmiller.org, phone 712-542-2461 or visit the Museum at 122 W. Clark Street, Clarinda, Iowa 51632