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**NEWS FROM THE ROAD...**

**Swinging Through the Holidays**

By Jenny Swoish



**It's the most wonderful time of the year! And you might as well call us Santa Claus because we were flying (driving) all over the world (North America) bringing holiday cheer to all that have ears.**

**We got as far south as Nashville, Tennessee this December and went all the way up to French Canada- although at times we thought we'd found our way all the way up in the North Pole! Let's show you some of our favorite moments from our Holiday Tour.**

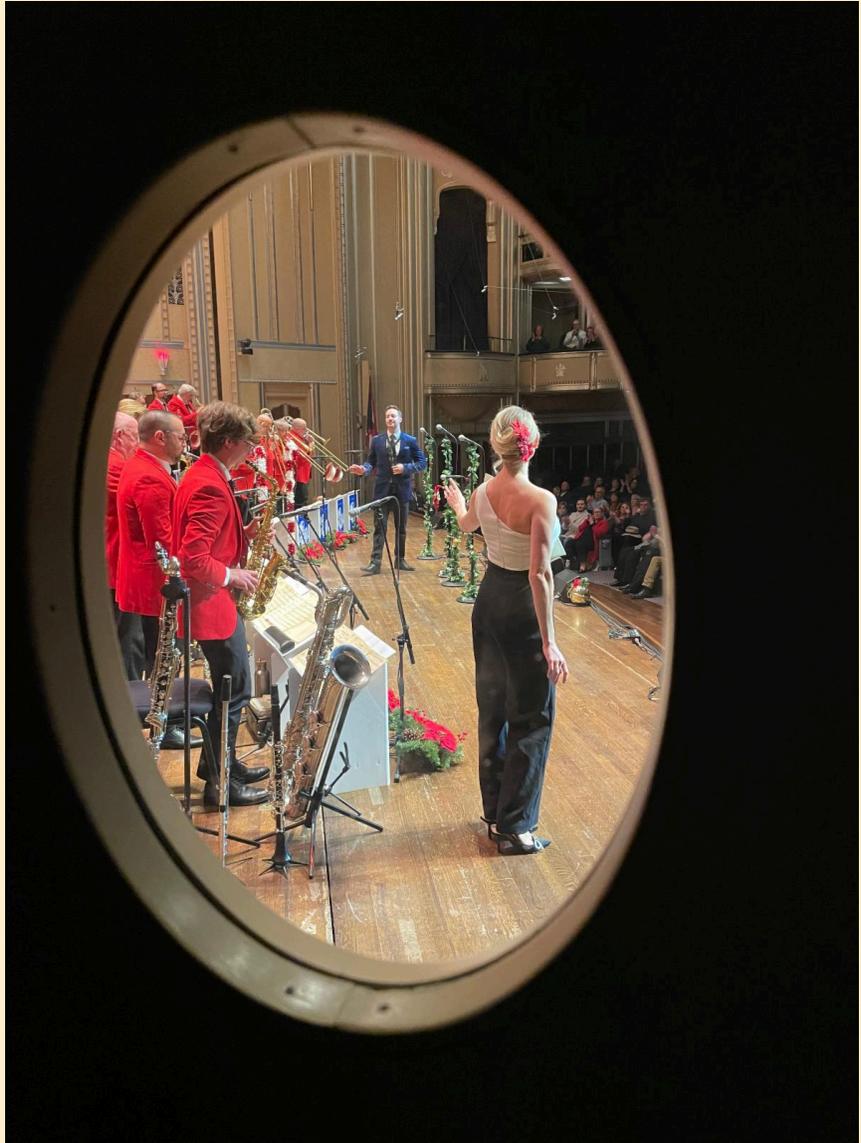
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**Getting in the Spirit**

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**Christmastime in Cleveland**

We decked the stage for our show at **Severance Hall** in **Cleveland, OH**, though this venue needs no further adornment! One of the most beautiful halls we've played, Severance holds a special place in our hearts.





## Santa's Helpers?

The GMO Merchandise “Elves”, **Dean and Jenny**, trudded through cold and snow to make sure the table was stocked for our holiday engagements!

“In the Christmas Mood” Volumes 1 & 2 were big hits at the table before we even made it to Thanksgiving!

So, we had to replenish before we jingled our way through the rest of the year.

## Making Merry in Michigan

When our “sleigh” pulled in to **Grand Rapids, MI**, we lit up when we saw this festive display on the side of a parking garage!



We got our friends in the “Mitten” in the holiday mood and even got to say hi to some friends at the merchandise table!

You all remember **Bill Paulson**: we saw him in Clarinda, IA (Glenn’s birthplace) at the annual **Glenn Miller Festival**. Bill is 90-years-old and has been attending the GM festival for over 25 years! We’re glad he found time to come see our holiday show with his family. Always great to see you, Bill!



### A Date with Dayton

We rolled into **Dayton, OH** next with an enthusiasm only the holidays can inspire.

You can see it here with our trumpeter and stand-in merch-man, **Joe Young!** But if you know (or have met) Joe, you know he really is this pumped-up year-round. His secret?: LOTS of coffee mixed with an innate zest for life! Keep it up, Joe!





Folks in Dayton were definitely in the holiday mood! And we really appreciated those who came by to say hello and happy holidays to us at the merchandise “table” (we had to use the spare bar in the lobby haha!). Here’s an action shot of Jenny and Erik signing autographs at the end of the show. Cheers!





We swung through **Logansport, IN** to play a fundraiser/dance for the **State Theatre**. This venue is a staple in the community, but has found itself in need of some TLC and refurbishment. We were happy to lend the music to their festive soiree and wish them luck in their fundraising endeavors!

We especially liked the old-school cinema vibes and concessions counter in the lobby!



### Kev's Christmas List...

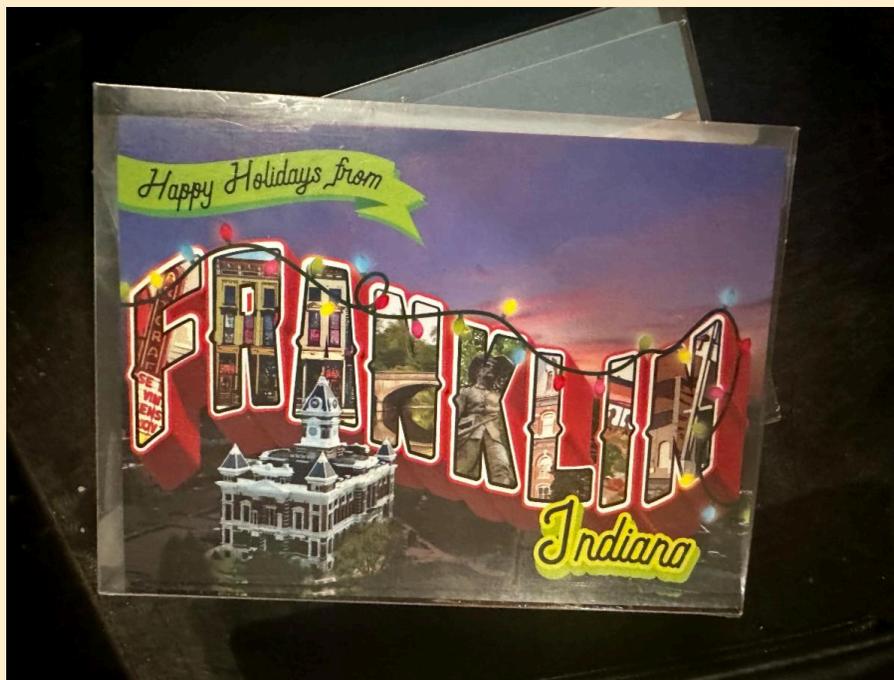
We're not sure what's on it (and we're not sure we **WANT** to know)...but Kev's been a good boy this year, so maybe Santa will bring him this **giant Kit Kat** from the **Cracker Barrel**.

Kevin (our lead alto saxophonist and Moonlight Serenader) is a big Kit Kat fan and has been known to collect rare/seasonal flavors during his travels.

When we went to Japan this year, he was *very* disappointed to find that the "build-your-own KitKat bar" (with your own combination of ingredients) was no longer in operation... but Kev's love for KitKat runs deep and he still holds hope to one day make his very own "KevKat" bar.

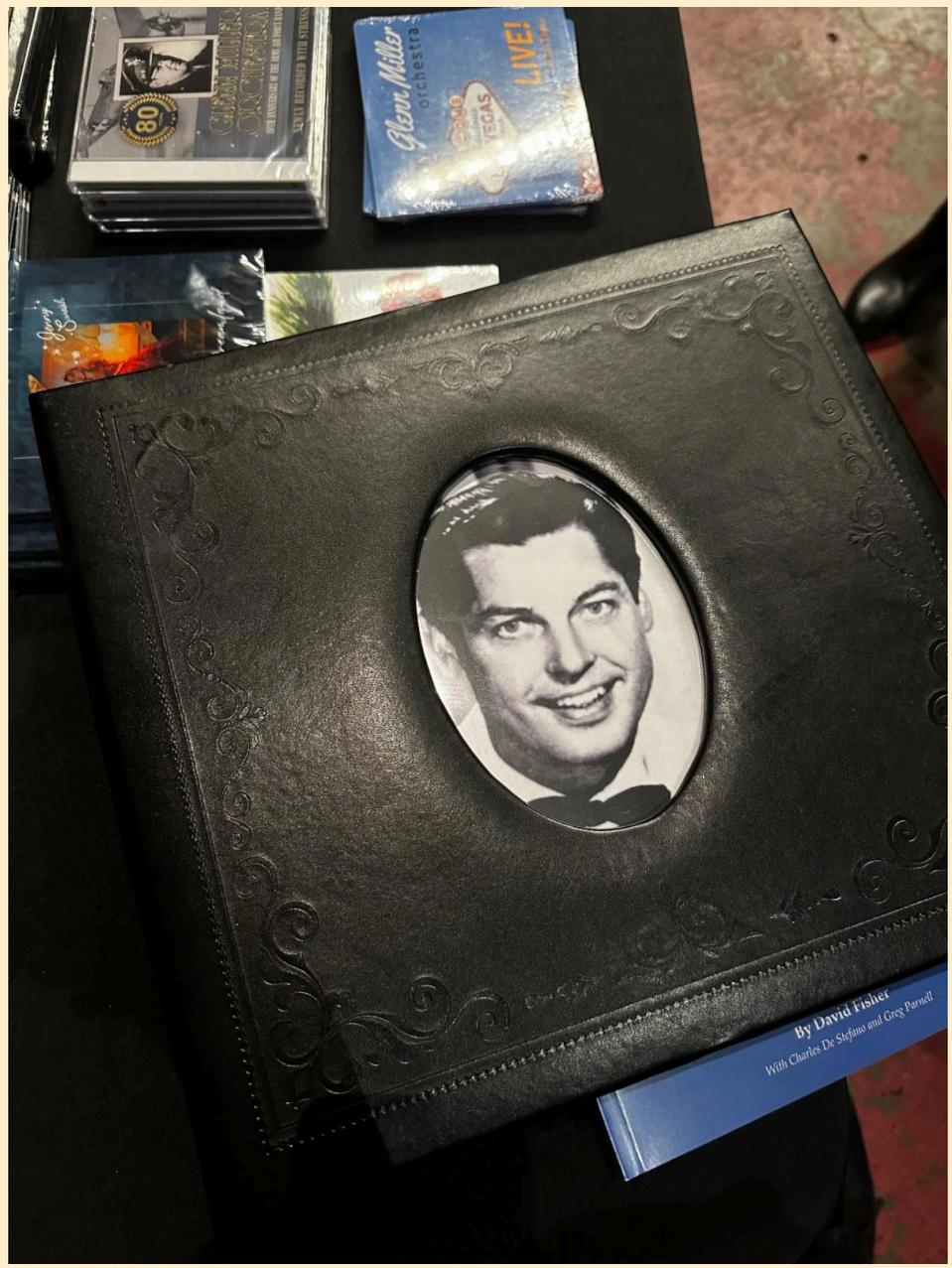
## From one Franklin to Another...

We found ourselves back in **Franklin, IN** at the historic **Artcraft Theatre**. We played a double-header to two nearly sold-out crowds, which is *exactly* what you want when playing two shows in a day!



### Fan Feature: Uncle "Tootie"

A fan in Franklin was kind enough to share some memorabilia with us from when his grand uncle, **Frank Scott**, sang with the **Modernaires**! Most of it comes from the days after Glenn's disappearance, but we were excited to take a look nonetheless. Here are some of our favorite pieces from David's scrapbook of his Uncle "Tootie".

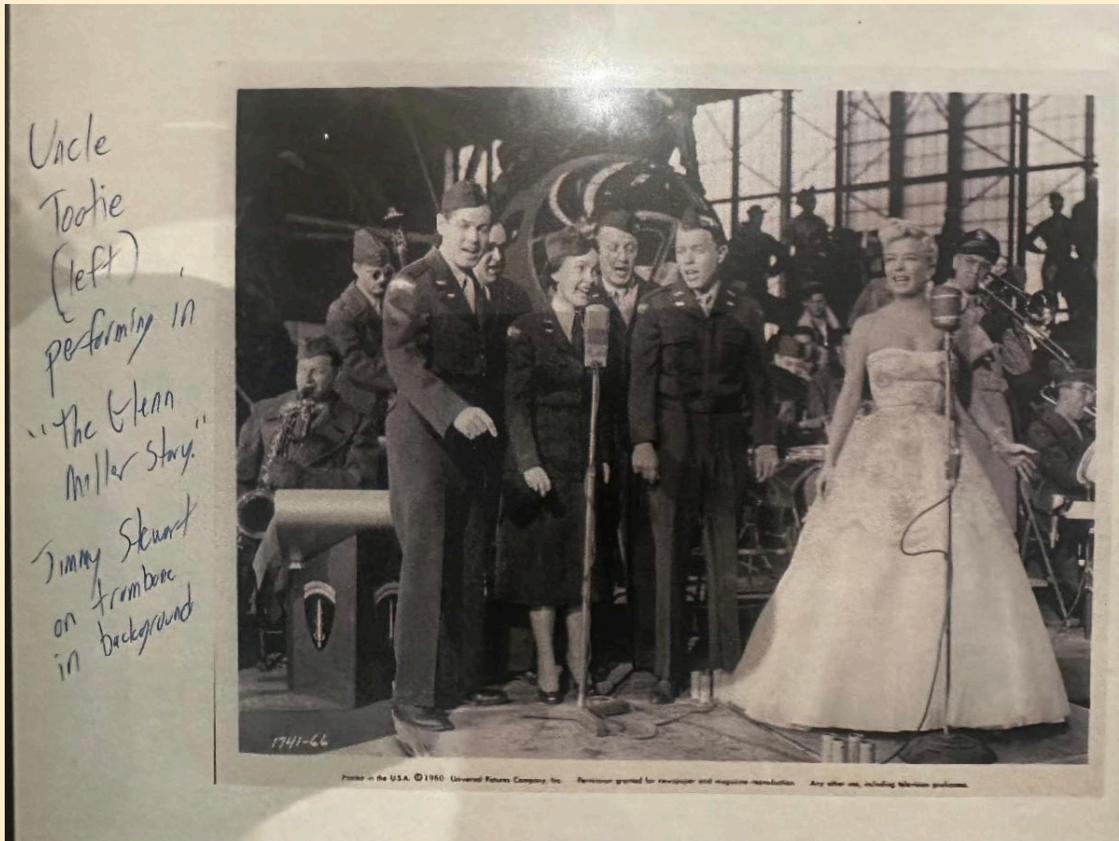


[ Above: Tootie behind Spike Jones on the Spike Jones Radio show at NBC Studios ]



[ Above: Uncle Tootie (back middle) with Nat King Cole at NBC Studios. From a live nationally broadcast show in 1947.

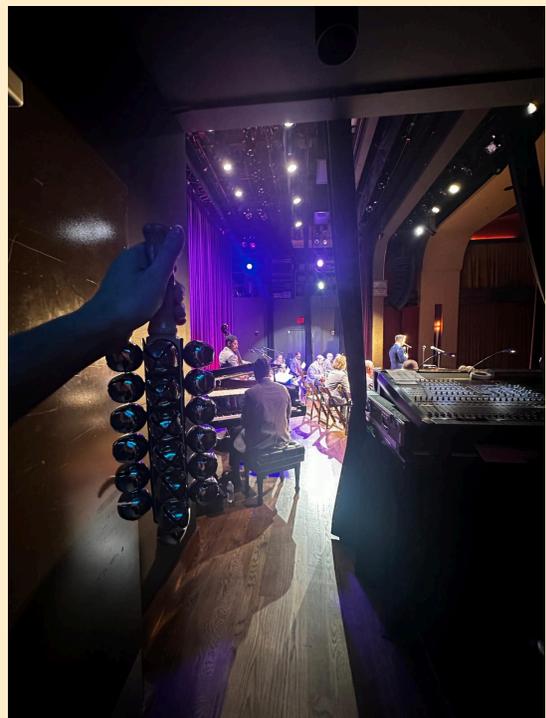
Below: Uncle Tootie (left) performing in "The Glenn Miller Story". Jimmy Stewart on trombone in the background ]



## Franklin, Round 2!

Down to our second "Franklin" destination: **Franklin, TN!** Just south of Nashville, we were excited to play not one, but two nights of holiday music this year.

Here's our vocalist **Jenny** backstage ready to play the sleigh bells! She's been a Nashville resident for the last 7 years, so it was nice to play a couple of shows "at home".





### House Hunters: Gingerbread Edition?

We came upon this gingerbread house competition in **Kroger** during a lunch stop. Pretty good work, if you ask us!



This one got our vote!

We appreciated the use of candy canes and the sour belts shutters were particularly creative!

We saw this pup in the driver's seat of a truck on our way back onto the bus...but we're not sure he has the right paw-lifications to operate such a vehicle!



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## Holly Jolly Fun!

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We loved how they decorated the stage in **Shippensburg, PA!** The more lit-up trees the better, and they kept changing the lights on the backdrop/trees to give each song a different vibe. How fun!





### That's Snow-biz!

We drove through the NYC area to get to **Port Washington, NY** and were admiring the freshly-fallen snow all around. The trees almost looked "fluffy" with the snow piled high on the branches...beautiful!

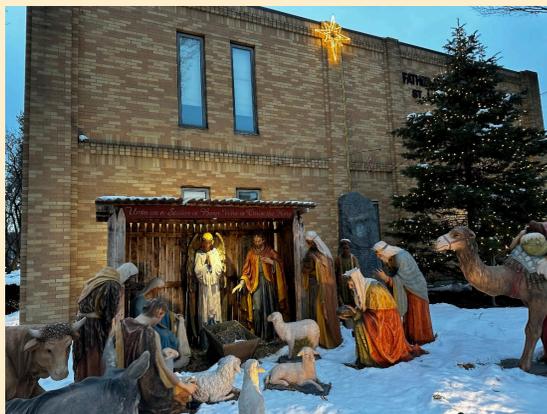
We thoroughly enjoyed returning to perform at **Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street**



### Holiday Spirit in Stroudsburg!

We had a day off in **Stroudsburg, PA** and man did we need it!

We enjoyed strolling around, taking in the holiday decor they'd put up in town. Even our pianist Nate was feeling festive in his Christmas beanie!





## Venue Feature: Stambaugh Auditorium

**Stambaugh Auditorium** in Youngstown, OH was another stunning venue for a holiday show!



The hall was constructed thanks to the generous gift of Henry Stambaugh, a prominent Youngstown steel tycoon. Stambaugh passed away suddenly at the age of 60 in 1919 and had completed his will only 2 months prior. The hall cost \$1.5 million to complete (equivalent to roughly \$30 million today!) and opened in 1926 with a performance by Will Rogers.

Stambaugh Auditorium was added to the **National Register of Historic Places in 1984** and still holds a prominent place in the community as a dedicated space for advancing the arts. It is a stunning facility and we can't wait to return again soon.



It was fun to have a couple of local **swing dancers** dance a few numbers before our show in **Lancaster, PA**. And we enjoyed some tasty **Scandinavian snacks** backstage, courtesy of our favorite photographer, Ms. **Sava!**





## Fun Times in Tarrytown

When we pulled in to **Tarrytown, NY** for load-in, our vocalist Jenny flew off the bus to pay a quick visit to one of her favorite vintage stores, the **Swan House**.



When we play the **Tarrytown Music Hall**, we usually arrive after it's closed, so it was a true treat to be able to do some holiday shopping.

The Swan House sources their pieces from estate sales near and far and also sells wares by local artisans. If you're in the area, or just passing through, check them out!

[Below]: And here we are leading the round of applause for the **veterans** at our concert. Veterans, we appreciate you each and every day. Thank you for your service and for coming to hear us play!



## A GMO Holiday Soirée

We were eager to make our annual trek up to **Mt. Washington** in **Bretton Woods, NH**. We love playing the holiday dance every year and this year was just as magical!

There were a lot of families ready to hit the slopes and say hi to Santa. You can see the kids running in the background as Erik and Nate check in at the front desk.



The resort had their own gingerbread competition going! We liked the jacuzzi filled with blue M&Ms on number 11. Which one is your favorite?





How fun is this message on the television advertising our appearance to the hotel guests!



The dance was a blast, as usual, and got us even *more* in the holiday mood.



After the dance, we changed out of our uniforms and gathered in the lobby for our annual **GMO Christmas party**, complete with another round of **“Bus Bin White Elephant”**.

Those who wished to participate took something from their bus area and placed it into "Santa's Sack" for someone else to receive as a gift.

Devon got a defective GMO T-shirt in a size small. And Aiden got a pair of flip flops from Dean. (We made Aiden test them out on the back deck, haha! This kick move was particularly impressive.)



Here we all are with each of our "gifts". Merry Christmas, everyone!



## A Canadian Christmas

We played one last show stateside (**Waterville, ME**) before heading up to play three shows in Canada.



Our first Canadian show was in **Montreal** at their symphony hall in **Place des Arts**. It was a **sold out** show all the way up to the standing room at the top of the hall!



### Fine and Dinde-y?

A little late for Thanksgiving, but would anyone care for some "Turkey Dinner" flavored potato chips?

We'll stick to "all dressed", if you don't mind!

Our second Canadian show was in **Quebec City**. It was a very festive theater with the red and green lights and the crowd was très excités!



We were getting so close to our break and we were definitely itching for Christmas to hurry up and get here already! Even Kev was starting to crack up!



Our third and final Canadian show for the year in **Ottawa** was sold out and had great energy! (pictured below is sound check, haha) We were happy to play for such a fun audience before saying "au revoir" for the year.





### The Producers

Music director, **Erik**, and female vocalist, **Jenny**, snapped a photo with our Canadian producers: **Vero and Didier**.

We've been working together for many years and look forward to many more. Joyeux Noel!

## What are You Doing NYE?

It's been many years since the band's played a show on **New Year's Eve**. So, we were excited to be playing a show this year in **Orlando, FL** at the **Dr. Phillips Center**. It was a beautiful hall and we kept the energy and music going all the way up until the stroke of...10pm! But we did a "practice" countdown to midnight!



Since it was a party, we raffled off a couple of bottles of champagne. Here's Jenny with one of the winners! Cheers!



It's always nice to get out of the cold and down to **Florida** this time of year. Our bus looks good with the reflection of palm trees in the windows, don't you think? We can't wait to pick back up in Florida at the end of the month!

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Thanks for another wonderful year! We appreciate you all and hope you had a safe and happy holiday season.  
Happy 2026!

See you on the road...



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01/22/26 The Moss Center - Cutler Bay, FL  
01/23/26 The Sharon, The Villages  
01/24/26 Ormond Beach PAC - Ormond Beach, FL  
01/25/26 Studio Theatre - Melbourne, FL  
01/26/26 Terry Theater - Jacksonville, FL  
01/28/26 Drendel Auditorium - Hickory, NC  
01/29/26 Meymandi Concert hall - Raleigh, NC  
01/30/26 The Carolina Theatre - Greensboro, NC

02/01/26 Wells Hall at The Parker - Fort Lauderdale, FL  
02/03/26 Turner Auditorium at TSC - Tallahassee, FL  
02/04/26 Chipley High School - Chipley, FL  
02/05/26 Naval Air Museum - Pensacola, FL  
02/06/26 Bama Theatre - Tuscaloosa, AL  
02/10-12/26 Candlelight Dinner Playhouse - Johnstown, CO  
02/15/26 Popejoy Hall - Albuquerque, NM  
02/18/26 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi - Corpus Christi, TX  
02/20/26 The Grand 1894 Opera House - Galveston, TX  
02/21/26 Texan Theatre - Greenville, TX  
02/22-23/26 Manship Theatre - Baton Rouge, LA  
02/24/26 Memorial City Hall Performance Center - Marshall, TX  
02/26/26 Hoag Hall - CO State University - Pueblo, CO  
02/28/26 Jim & Linda Lee PAC - Prescott, AZ

03/01/26 Chandler Center - Chandler, AZ  
03/02/26 Historic Camelot Theatre - Palm Springs, CA  
03/03-05/26 Myron's at The Smith Center - Las Vegas, NV  
03/06/26 Lancaster PAC - Lancaster, CA  
03/07/26 The Coach House - San Juan Capistrano, CA  
03/08/26 Sycuan Casino Resort - El Cajon, CA  
03/10/26 Hermosa Beach Community Theatre - Hermosa Beach, CA

03/12/26 Yoshi's - Oakland, CA  
03/13/26 Clark Center - Arroyo Grande, CA  
03/15/26 The Center for the Arts - Grass Valley, CA  
03/16/26 The Tower Theater - Bend, OR  
03/17/26 Patricia Reser Center for the Arts - Beaverton, OR  
03/18/26 The Rialto Theater - Tacoma, WA  
03/20/26 The Elsinore Theatre - Salem, OR  
03/21/26 Wildhorse Resort & Casino - Pendleton, OR  
03/24/26 Ute Theater - Rifle, CO  
03/25/26 Richardson Hall - Adam State University - Alamosa, CO  
03/27/26 McSwain Theatre - Ada, OK  
03/28/26 Henry B Tippie National Aviation Education Center - Dallas, TX

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## Trivia Contest

Be the first person to answer our trivia question correctly and win the CD "Glenn Miller Orchestra - 80th Anniversary of the Army Air Force Band."

**Question:** Glenn Miller co-wrote "Room 1411" with which other famous band leader?

**Our last newsletter trivia question and answer:**

**Question:** Which female vocalist and future talk show host sang and recorded with Glenn Miller & His Army Air Force Band?

**Answer:** Dinah Shore

**GOOD LUCK! Click here to answer: [maureen@glennmillerorchestra.com](mailto:maureen@glennmillerorchestra.com)**

Congratulations to Michelle from Dodge Center, MN who won the CD "Glenn Miller Orchestra - 80th Anniversary of the Army Air Force Band."



## Newly Released Authentic Arrangements from the Glenn Miller Orchestra Library

A new publication of "On The Trail," arranged by the legendary clarinetist Buddy DeFranco for the Glenn Miller Orchestra in 1972, is now being released to the public for the first time. This lively arrangement showcases DeFranco's unique mix of swing and modern jazz, adding new energy to Ferde Grofé's classic Grand Canyon Suite movement. Fans of big band music and jazz history alike can now experience the intricate harmonies and dynamic orchestrations that defined the Glenn Miller Orchestra's post-war sound under DeFranco's artistic direction. This long-awaited release offers a rare glimpse into a remarkable era of American jazz innovation.

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02/02-06/26 Busch Gardens - Tampa, FL  
02/28/26 Corning Museum of Glass - Corning, NY  
03/01/26 The Theater at Innovation Square - Rochester, NY  
03/19/26 Carolina Hotel - Pinehurst, NC  
03/20/26 Williams High School - Burlington, NC  
03/21/26 Hazleton Area High School - Hazleton, PA  
03/22/26 Zoellner Arts Center - Bethlehem, PA  
03/26/26 Lincoln Community Theatre - New Martinsville, WV  
04/11/26 South Orange PAC - South Orange, NJ  
04/12/26 Greenwich Odeum - East Greenwich, RI  
04/13/26 Harwich Cultural Center - Harwich, MA  
04/26/26 Glazer hall - Palm Beach, FL  
05/04-27/26 - **Silversea cruise**  
07/02/26 Clayton Opera House - Clayton, NY  
07/16/26 Lawrenceburg Crockett Theatre - Lawrenceburg, TN  
12/11/26 Peoples Bank Theatre - Marietta, OH  
12/13/26 Lexington Village Theatre - Lexington, MI

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02/06/26 Heritage Center - Dubuque, IA  
02/20/26 Englewood Methodist Church - Englewood, FL  
03/07/26 Sturges-Young Center - Sturgis, MI  
03/21-22/26 Kalif Shrine Center - Sheridan, WY  
04/04/26 Firehouse Center for the Arts - Newburyport, MA  
04/10/26 Hettenhausen Center - Lebanon, IL  
04/12/26 PAC of Wisconsin Rapids - Wisconsin Rapids, WI

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