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Big Band Newsletter #244

NEWS FROM THE ROAD...
April: Girls and Boys make some Noise in Illinois...

By Kazunori Tanaka

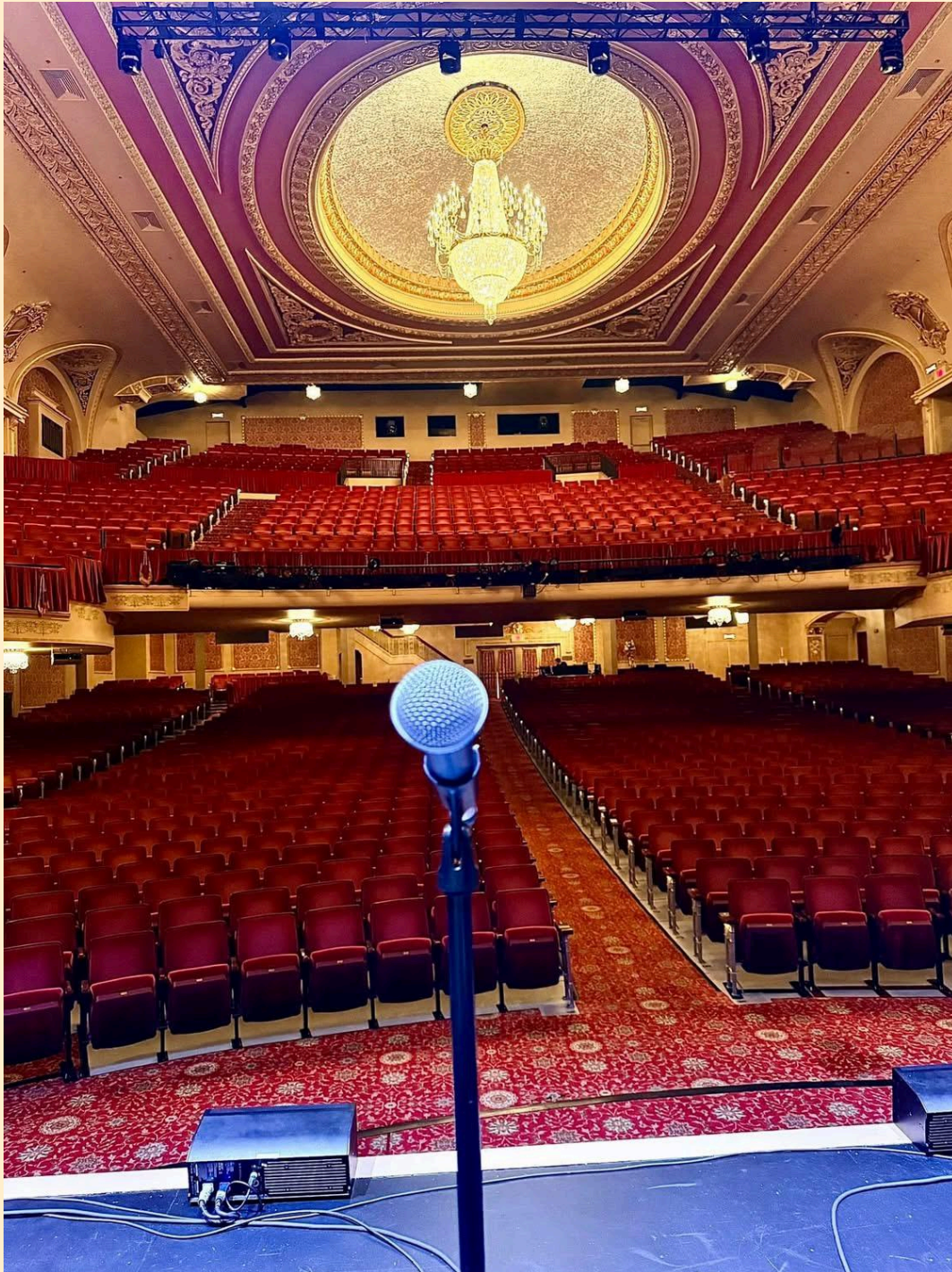


Another busy month for the Glenn Miller Orchestra! With a fresh spring breeze and some new faces joining the road, the shows continue into a new season as we say goodbye to old friends and look ahead to many exciting new connections still to come.

From the Midwest to the East Coast, from the deep South of Mississippi to all the way north to Wisconsin, the band keeps rolling through another exciting stretch of April and May. Let's see where this next chapter takes us!

“Here We Go Again” in Midwest

We started this tour in the beautiful Genesee Theatre in Waukegan, IL.
Note the gorgeous chandelier.



PC: Nick Roach

We're celebrating the chance to come together once again in Rochester, MN at the Historic Chateau Theater reconnecting with familiar faces while welcoming many new ones along the way.



PC: Nick Roach

The Arts Center at Iowa Western (Council Bluffs, IA)



Trumpeters Johnny and Will discussing how the night will go...

The Valentine Theatre (Toledo, OH)

Our journey is just getting started, but first we need a little fuel for the road...
and what better welcome than this Big Boy!



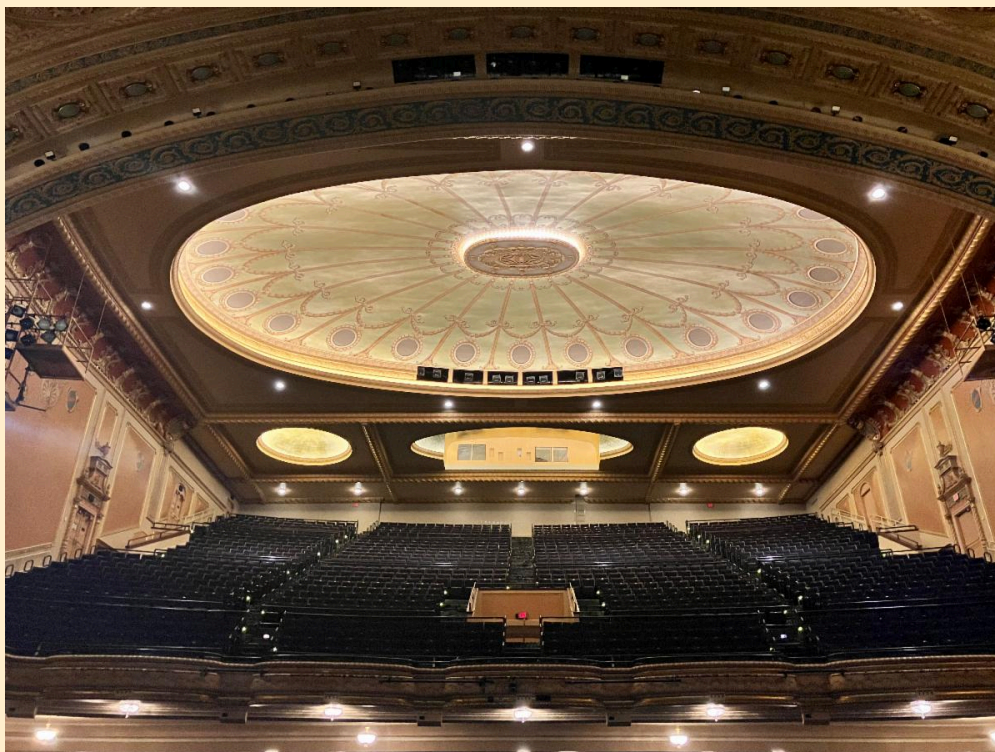
The Valentine Theatre!!

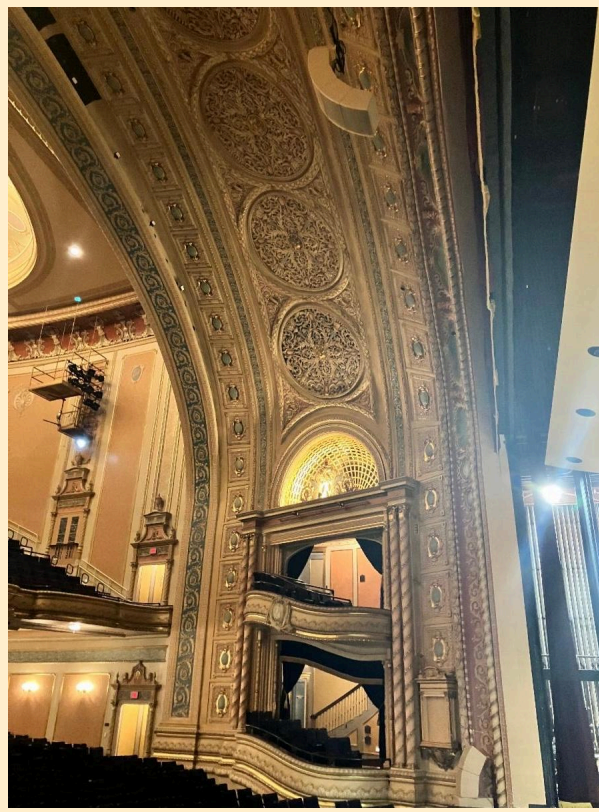


Morris PAC (South Bend, IN)

We were performing just an hour and a half from Kalamazoo, and having a few extra musicians join us made the night even more fun!

And of course, you can probably guessed the encore tune that evening -
"I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo"!!





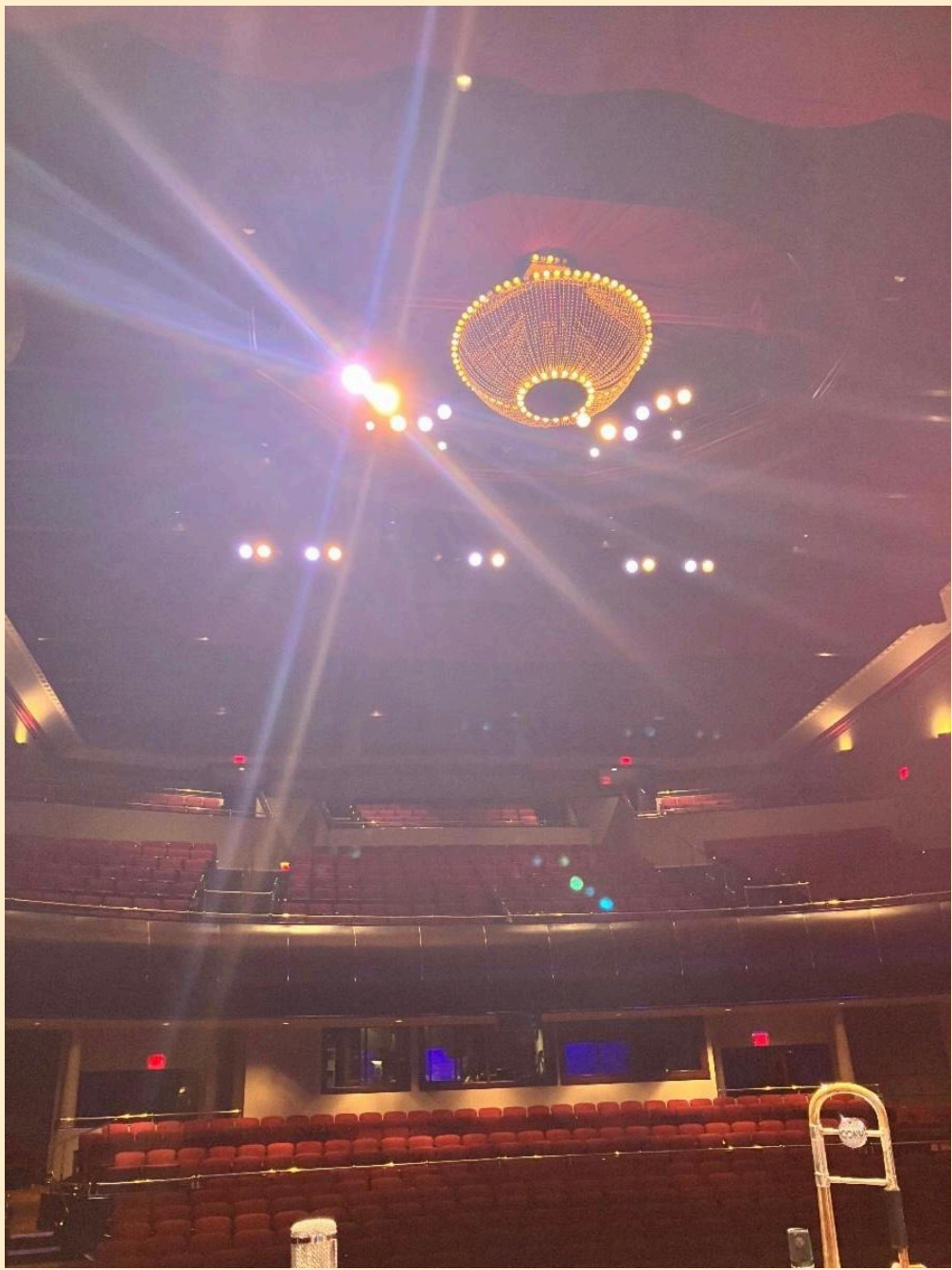
The Morris PAC - beautiful on the outside - and even more stunning inside!!



Family dinner before the performance...

“Beautiful Ohio”







So fortunate to have this view from our office...



The artwork throughout the venue was fantastic as well.



Take a look at this beautifully romantic exterior. ❤️

Homecomings for who?

The spectacular beauty of
Goodyear Theater (Akron, OH)





Bass trombonist Jason warming up from the low notes to the high ones...
Can you guess which notes he's playing?



A warm welcome back to former member Joe Young, joining us to fill in for a couple of shows on this leg of the tour!



Reggie is ready for the spotlight in his signature red bucket hat!!



Ohio's own Devin Coons received an incredibly warm welcome for his homecoming performance.

A Round to Pennsylvania

F.M. Kirby Center (Wilkes-Barre, PA)





Who's in the section on the right? None other than bandleader Erik's brother, Karl 🙄



After Hour Hacky Sack Juggling with George and Hannah by our tour bus...



Made a new friend here this time — hope we get to see you again very soon!!



Everyone is being so serious...



And our drummer
Nick won!!!
He got the mug as a prize 🎉

On the way to next location,
we ran into random bingo
game at a lunch stop. Let's
see who is going to win...

Northumberland High School (Heathsville, VA)

Seeing fans arrive hand in hand in such beautiful weather made
the moment especially memorable.



We are always happy to meet enthusiastic fans at the merch table!



The master, George, still has his juggling skills polished to perfection...



Even feet!!

The Low Tone Brothers

Here are the two lowest (and the greatest!!) musicians in the Glenn Miller Orchestra!!



Aidan's fortress -
with 4 instruments including bari, alto, clarinet and bass clarinet.



On the other side, here's Jason's fortress of trombones — tenor and bass trombones surrounded by six different mutes!!

These two musicians are truly part of the foundation of the Glenn Miller Orchestra. While the rest of the woodwind and brass sections build the sound above them, they remain two of the band's most essential voices, helping create that spectacular signature Glenn Miller sound 🌸

Matinee Show at Weinberg Center For The Arts (Frederick, MD)







The lighting ✨✨

Aronoff Center (Cincinnati, OH)

The sound in this concert hall was as great as it looks like...



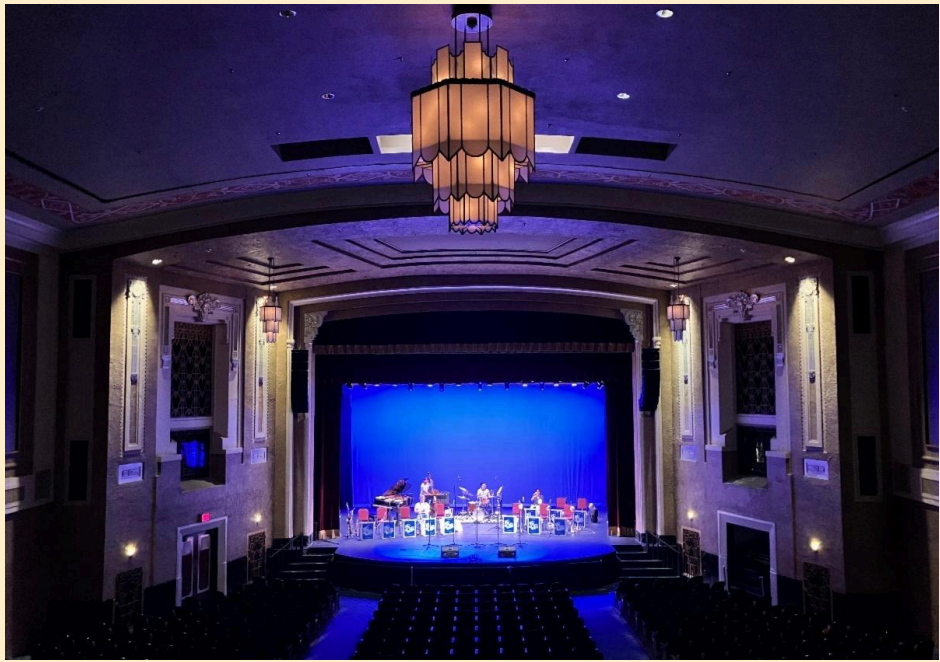
Our new vocalist Hannah Clair!



From Midwest to South...

Saenger Theater (Hattiesburg, MS)







PC: Nick Roach

So very nice of them making the sign for us 😭





During soundcheck, we make sure the balance sounds great both sitting and standing so the audience can enjoy the best possible concert experience :)



Spectacular view of trombones sliding!!



By the way... the alley next to the venue turned out to be an art gallery!! It's always wonderful to have a little time to explore the town between soundcheck and the concert. I hope you also discover some amazing spots around the concert hall before or after the show :)







The Capitol (Bowling Green, KY)



The venue was located right beside a charming fountain park in the town square. It was heartwarming to see people gathering before the show and catching all those excited smiles!!



Finding a new friend around the venue👁️👁️

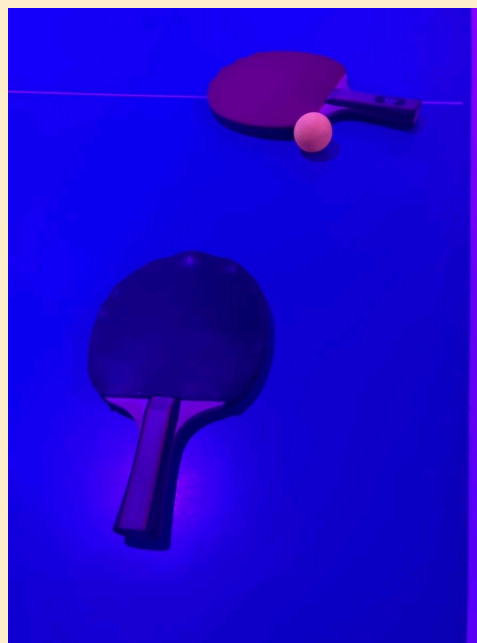
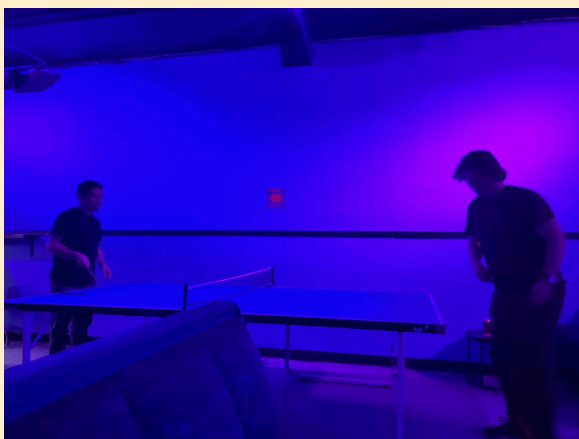




The view from Drummer's throne, the best seat in the venue!!



Two people still had a little left in the tank and kept bringing the heat...



Did anyone drop a shrimp fry?? Just kidding!! It's Kazu's mouthpiece pouch!!



Hoogland Center (Springfield, IL)

We are seriously debating about
pizza...





After soundcheck, we always set aside some time to work on new music for each show—sometimes preparing for upcoming events, other times exploring tunes that Erik would like to add to the mix, and more.



Here is the logo design of our music stand!! And our lead trombonist George!!



People who are in charge of a job in the band...

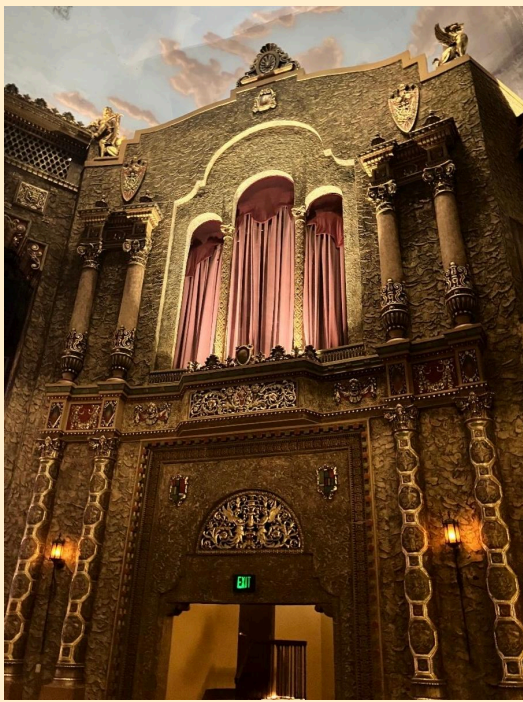
George and Reggie are in charge of setting,
lighting, and sound system. We thank both of
you!!



Reaching out to the North

Meyer Theatre (Green Bay, WI)

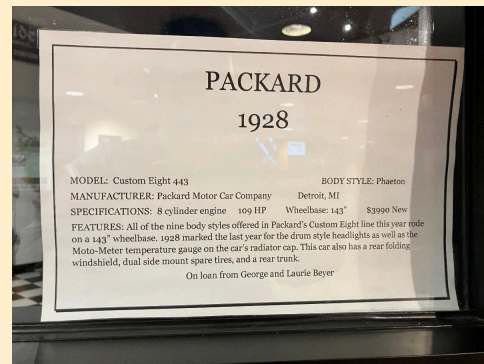
This venue looked like a castle, and even had it's own sky!!



Schauer Arts Center (Hartford, WI)

The venue was right next to the Wisconsin Automotive Museum, so it wasn't hard at all to spot some beautiful classic cars around the area.





**The new town, the new coast, the new
encounter...**

The Music Hall (Portsmouth, NH)



Pre-game in front of the Music Hall!!

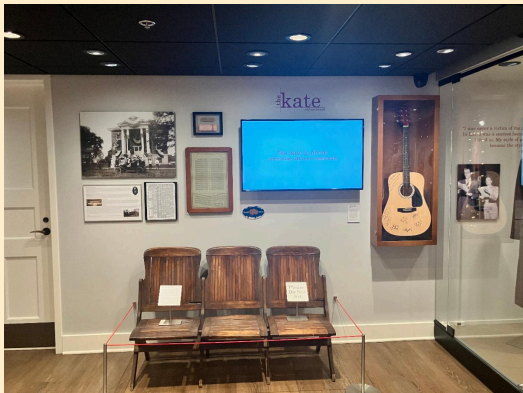
Finding someone busking in front of the venue is a good sign. Happens to be a trombone player.



The interior of The Music Hall was fascinating—some areas had a Captain Nemo-like feel, while others featured grand, palace-style pillars...

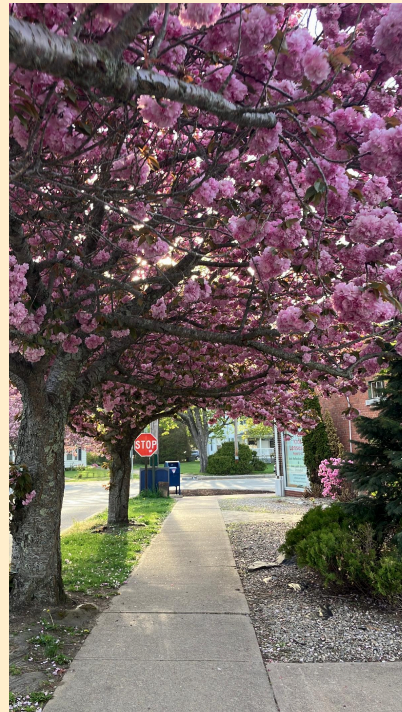
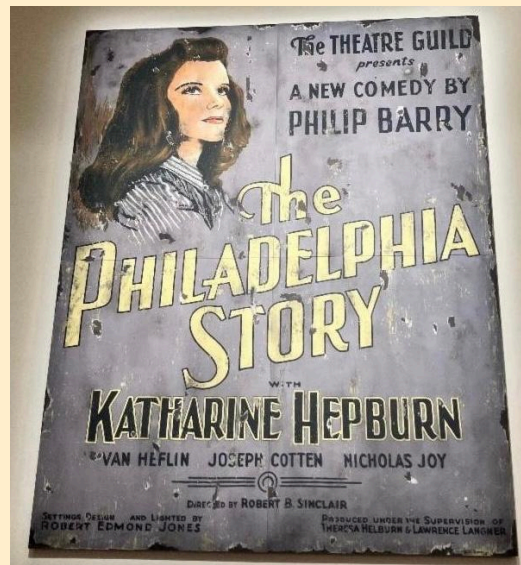
The Kate (Old Saybrook, CT)

The venue is located upstairs from the Katharine Hepburn Museum, in the town where she spent her final years. The whole space is beautifully themed in red, and even outside there's a lovely tunnel of red flowers 🌸🌸🌸





Some members stopped by the local hotdog stand with amazing sweet potato fries!



After the hang, a couple of hungry members ended up at the bar called Monkey Farm—hard to resist



PC: Johnny
Reggie was in his element...

grabbing some great seafood along
the coast.



CT to Boston...

We had a stop on the way to Boston -
it might be the last family lunch for this leg...



Cabot Theatre (Beverly, MA)

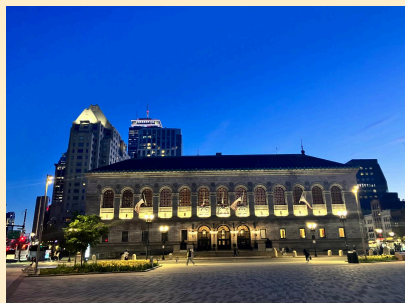
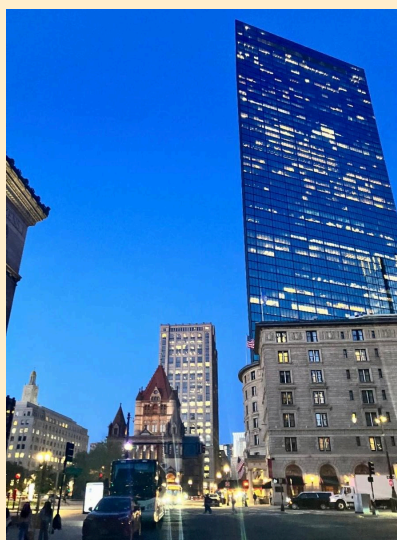
As the tour starts to wind down, there's a subtle feeling in the band of already
beginning to miss life on the road...

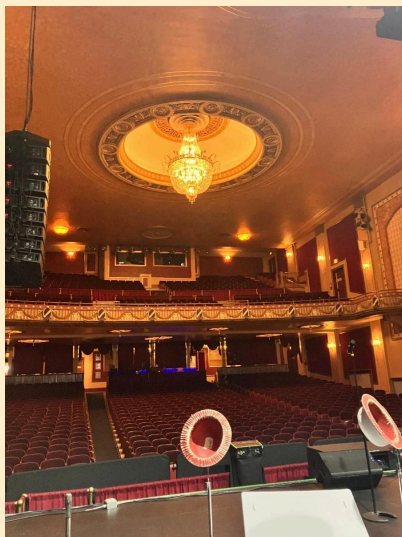


But Kevin is ready to hit it for people in Beverly!!!!

When in Boston...

Enjoying a day off in this beautiful city!! Some members took the chance to explore the town, visit a stunning museum, and even catch a ball game!!

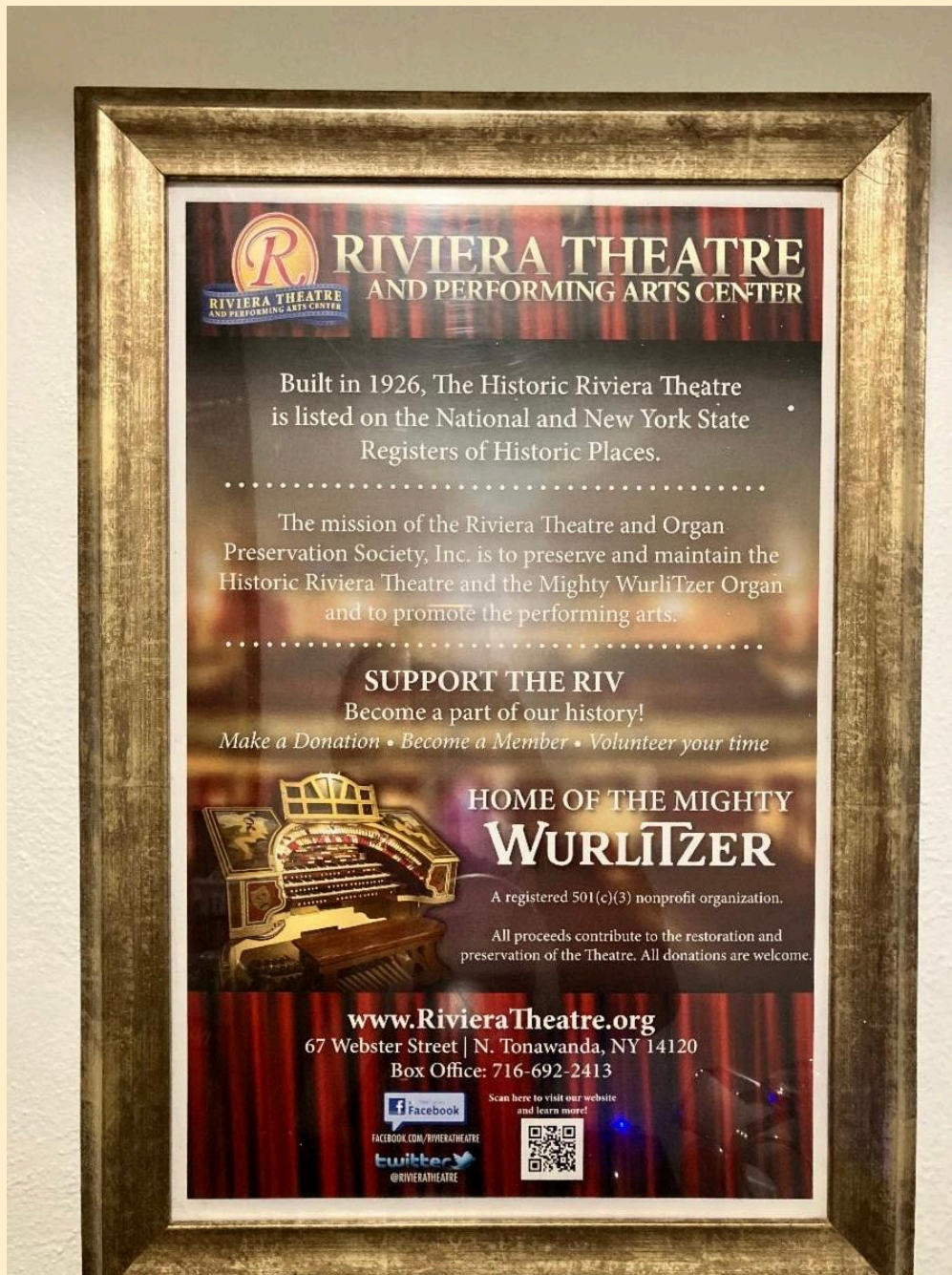




The Riviera Theatre (North Tonawanda, NY)

This is the final stop of this leg of the tour!! Some members of the band are from this area and seem especially happy to be back home.





The historical Wurlitzer Organ 🎹



We also had a visit from former member Elliot Scozzaro! He used to play sax with us back in the day and even left us an arrangement of “Just Friends.” We performed the tune during the set and celebrated a wonderful reunion.



This performance marked the final show for pianist Luke and bassist Reggie. It's not the last time we'll see them, but we're definitely going to miss making music together. Wishing both of these great musicians all the best moving forward.

Get ready to welcome some new faces to the bandstand this month! We've got a busy May coming up, so be sure to check out where you can catch us.

As always, thanks for reading & we'll see you on the road...



(Thanks for the big bag of pop corn Riviera Theatre!!)

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A red poster with white musical notes and a treble clef. The text is in white and gold. The main title is 'Glenn Miller' in a large, elegant script. Below it, in a gold banner, is '51ST ANNUAL FESTIVAL CLARINDA, IOWA'. The dates 'June 11-13, 2026' and location 'Clarinda, Iowa' are in white. A white box in the center contains the text 'Celebrating "The Glenn Miller Story"' in a script font, followed by a list of featured bands. At the bottom, contact information is provided in white.

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5/29/26 Avalon Theatre - Easton, MD

5/30/26 Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo, MD

6/01/26 Owens Auditorium - Pinehurst, NC

6/02/26 Charleston Music Hall - Charleston, SC

6/03/26 Harbison Theatre - Irmo, SC

6/05/26 Robinson Hall - Little Rock, AR

06/06/26 Dixie Carter PAC - Huntingdon, TN

6/07/26 The Sheldon Concert Hall - St Louis, MO

6/08/26 Derby Dinner Playhouse - Clarksville, IN

06/09/26 Southern Theatre - Columbus, OH

06/11/26 Muriel Kauffman Theatre - Kansas City, MO

06/12-13/26 Clarinda High School, Clarinda, OH

6/14/26 Wilder Park Main Pavilion - Allison, IA

6/15/26 Coralville Center for the Arts - Coralville, IA

6/18/26 Lied Center - Lincoln, NE

6/20/26 1940's WWII Era Ball at the Boulder Airport - Boulder, CO

6/22-23/26 John H. Williams Theatre - Tulsa, OK

6/26/26 Ramsdell Regional Center for the Arts - Manistee, MI

6/30/26 The Fisher Center - Nashville, TN

7/12/26 Robert Z Hawkins Amphitheater - Reno, NV

7/19/26 Vilar Pac - Beaver Creek, CO

7/24/26 Sharonville Convention Center - Cincinnati, OH

7/26/26 Bradley Symphony Center - Milwaukee, WI

7/28/26 Paramount Center for the Arts - St Cloud, MN

7/29/26 Weber Center - Lyche Theater - La Crosse, WI

7/30/26 Union Theater - Shannon Hall - Madison, WI

7/31/26 Wentz Concert Hall - Naperville, IL

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A new publication of "On The Trail," arranged by the legendary clarinetist Buddy DeFranco for the Glenn Miller Orchestra in 1972, is now 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.

- "On The Trail" - arranged by Buddy DeFranco - [Hard Copy Link](#) / [Download Link](#)

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07/02/26 Clayton Opera House - Clayton, NY
07/14/26 Maguire Center for Lifelong Learning - Tallahassee, FL
07/16/26 Lawrenceburg Crockett Theatre - Lawrenceburg, TN
10/15/26 Numerica Performing Arts Center - Wenatchee, WA
11/10/26 Blue Gate PAC - Battle of the Big Bands w/GMO - Shipshewana, IN
11/11/26 Michigan Theater - Ann Arbor, MI
12/04/26 Paramount Theater - Burlington, NC
12/10/26 Stambaugh Auditorium - Youngstown, OH
12/11/26 Peoples Bank Theatre - Marietta, OH
12/13/26 Lexington Village Theatre - Lexington, MI
12/18/26 The Ware Center - Millersville University - Lancaster, PA
12/19/26 First Congregational Church of Madison - Madison, CT
12/20/26 Waterville Opera House - Waterville, ME

04/02/27 Gold Canyon United Methodist Church - Gold Canyon, AZ

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12/20/26 Grunin Center - Toms River, NJ

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03/13/27 Banyon Bowl at Pinecrest Gardens - Pinecrest, FL
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