

Stockton Performing Arts Center Presents The Glenn Miller Orchestra

Performance set for Sunday, Sept. 27

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Galloway Township, NJ – The Stockton Performing Arts Center will present The Glenn Miller Orchestra on **Sunday, Sept. 27.** The performance will be held at **2 p.m.** in the Stockton PAC, located on the university's main Galloway campus.

Tickets are \$32 and may be ordered online at www.stockton.edu/pac or by calling the Box Office at 609-652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 90 minutes before the performance. For group sales, call 609-652-4786.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra is considered a standard in the field of music with its popularity continuing undiminished through the years.

All of Glenn Miller's beloved hits will be featured, including classic swing sensations "In the Mood," "A String of Pearls," "Little Brown Jug," "Moonlight Serenade," "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and "Kalamazoo." The Glenn Miller Orchestra is a fully self-contained group consisting of the music director, five saxophone players, four trumpeters, four trombonists, and three rhythm musicians (piano, bass and drums). There are two vocalists, one male and one female, who perform individually and as part of The Moonlight Serenaders vocal group.

All of the biggest hits are included in a regular program, as well as arrangements of less well-known tunes, such as: "The White Cliffs of Dover," "Rainbow Rhapsody," "Everybody Loves My Baby," and "That's Sabotage." The orchestra has added numbers including: "Over the Rainbow," "September Morn," "The Body Electric," "Up Where We Belong," from the hit movie, "An Officer and a Gentleman," and "Star Wars/War of The Stars."

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The Glenn Miller Orchestra has always been very musical, disciplined, and visually entertaining. And it has its own distinctive sound, which is created by the clarinet holding the melodic line, doubled or coupled with the tenor sax playing the same notes. The harmonies are produced by three other saxophones, with growling trombones and wailing trumpets. Glenn Miller and his orchestra made a big impact right before and during the war, and had more hit records in one year than anyone in the history of the recording industry.

The orchestra's recording of "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" earned the first Gold Record ever awarded to a performing artist.

In the big band era of the 1940s, any dance band worth its salt had a distinctive theme song, the musical signature with which they signed on and signed off at engagements and radio broadcasts. The theme of the Glenn Miller Orchestra was the beautiful "Moonlight Serenade," and it is still the signature tune of the orchestra today. Interestingly, Glenn Miller originally wrote the music of the song himself as an exercise for a course in arranging.

For our patrons with special needs, the Stockton Performing Arts Center offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs, and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The Stockton Performing Arts Center, the Jersey Shore's Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of Stockton University, on Vera King Farris Drive, just off Jimmie Leeds Road, in Galloway Township. Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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