

GMBS Music Scholarship Competition



2022 GMBS Music Scholarship winners: Pictured above from L to R: 3rd place vocal winner: Jack McInnis, 2nd place vocal winner: Alanna Beilke, and 1st place vocal winner: Oliviana Marie. 3rd place instrumental winner: Kathleen Muehring, 2nd place instrumental winner: Landon Frayser, and 1st place instrumental winner: Nicolas Kitzmiller.

The music scholarship competition is scheduled for Thursday, June 8th
with instrumentals at 8:15 am and vocals at 1:00 pm

One of the highlights of the yearly festival is the GMBS Music Scholarship Competition. The competition is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who intend on making music part of their careers. GMBS receives applications from all over the country and narrows them down to the top 10 vocalists and the top 10 instrumentalists. These 20 students compete at the yearly festival on Thursday (opening day). The top 3 students in each category receive their awards and perform on Friday during the Stage Show. The scholarships are sponsored as listed below:

The vocal category sponsors (in part):

3rd place vocal scholarship of \$1,000 is sponsored by Jane Kelley in honor of her parents, Jack & Harriet Pullan.

2nd place vocal scholarship of \$2,000 is sponsored by Bonnie Brewster in memory of Ralph Brewster, who was a member of the "Modernaires" vocal group which sang for years with Glenn Miller and his Orchestra.

1st place vocal scholarship of \$3,000 is sponsored by Jan Eberle Schaberg in honor of her father, Ray Eberle, the "boy singer" with the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

The instrumental category sponsor:

The Ed and Judy Polic family sponsors all 3 of the instrumental Scholarships totaling \$6,000.

If you would like to become involved by volunteering to help the GMBS Music Scholarship Program or help support this important program financially, you can do so by calling the Museum at 712-542-2461 or sending Shari an email at: shari@glennmiller.org.

World-Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra



The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform on Friday, June 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in the HS auditorium. GMO will also perform at the festival dance & swing dance competition on Saturday, June 10th, at 7:30 pm in the gym.



World-Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra returns to the GMBS Festival for two exciting performances on June 9 & 10, 2023. The June 9th performance will once again feature the band in concert performing many of the great Glenn Miller hits along with many arrangements performed by Glenn and his band but maybe not all too familiar to the audience today. If you love Glenn Miller music, this is one performance you will not want to miss.

GMO will also perform on Saturday June 10th at 7:30 in the gym for the festival dance and swing dance competition. Prizes will be awarded in several categories, so dress in your best swing dance outfit, bring your finest moves, and cut loose on the dance floor!



Gooch & his Las Vegas Big Band



Gooch and the guys will perform on Friday, June 9th at 3:30 pm in the HS auditorium

Michael "Gooch" Gurciullo has been associated with big bands ever since he was a kid in Omaha, NE. All through jr. high and high school he played in the usual school programs, but also worked outside of those settings in professional big bands in the local area. Upon completion of high school, Gooch chose North Texas State University for his continuing education. He got to work with great jazz educators like Rich Matteson, Dan Haerle, and Jack Peterson. Outside of the university, Gooch studied privately with world famous trumpet virtuoso, Don "Jake" Jacoby. While attending N.T.S.U., Mike formed his own big band called, "The Arctic Muther's." It was comprised of some of the best young talents in the music program at the time. He also coled a big band with Don Jacoby called, "The Swing of Things." While still in college, Mike did some touring with Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians under the direction of Art Mooney.

Upon completion of N.T.S.U., Gooch gigged for a year as the featured soloist with the world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra. After touring, he moved west to Monterey, California. While there, he free lanced from Monterey to San Francisco. He also founded The Monterey Jazz Orchestra, which played Monday nights at Clint Eastwood's Mission Ranch in Carmel.

After several years in California, Gooch set forth for the Entertainment Capital of the World: Las Vegas. During his twelve year stint in Vegas, he worked most of the major showrooms and lounges with shows like The Rat Pack Is Back, Jump Jive & Wail, Don Menza Big Band, Lon Bronson All Star Band, and the Susan Anton Show to name a few. In 2004, Gooch also founded his Las Vegas Big Band. He had the top-call players meet with him on Monday nights to bring some of the hottest big band jazz to the people of Las Vegas. He also carried the lead/jazz trumpet spot in the Wayne Newton Orchestra for 5 years, traveling exclusively with Mr. Newton all over the US, Canada, and the 2006 Australian Tour.

In 2008, Gooch returned to his hometown of Omaha, NE., where he married the "hometown sweetheart." Once again, he assembled, Gooch & His Las Vegas Big Band, (the midwest version). Gooch and his band found a home to play on Monday nights at The Ozone, inside Anthony's Steakhouse. In April of 2018, they celebrated their 10th anniversary of playing at The Ozone. During that time period they played over 650 gigs in the Midwest.

He still works with many of the cats from Vegas in two shows called, "Drinkin', Singin', Swingin' " and "Sinatra Forever." In addition to Laughlin and Vegas, those shows tour throughout the U.S. In 2010, they capped a successful tour of Chile, South America, returning just days before a massive earthquake struck Chile.

Hot Tomatoes



The Hot Tomatoes will perform on Friday, June 9th at 1:00 pm in the HS auditorium

The Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra was formed in 1982 by former leader and founder, Ron Cope. Ron was part of a Downbeat award winning Traditional Jazz Band at the University Of Colorado - Denver. This group toured the country appearing on television and radio programs along with performing at traditional jazz festivals.

Through Ron's travels and performances in Jazz Festival circuits on the West Coast, he was enamored with The Royal Society Jazz Orchestra out of the Bay area, which performed "flapper" music of the 1920s and early 1930s. In 1982, Ron formed a new group in the spirit of The Royal Society Jazz Orchestra and originally named it the 9th Street Flappers, after Denver's 9th Street which borders the University of Colorado - Denver. The name of this group soon changed to The Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra.

With the advent of renewed interest in the Swing Era and swing dancing, the Hot Tomatoes transformed itself from a 1920s style band to a Swing-Era band performing numbers from Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and many others. The Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra soon became a regional favorite for concert goers and dancers alike and has performed not only in the Denver metro area, but also across the Western U.S. and Canada.



St. Joseph Big Band



St. Joseph Big Band will perform the opening concert, downtown on the town square, Thursday, June 8th at 8:00 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the 46th annual Glenn Miller festival kick-off concert.

The St Joseph Big Band was formed in 2015, by Kathleen Holeman, Tim Thomas and Bob Long. These three serve as co-directors of the band. The purpose of this new organization is threefold.

First, SJBB exists in order to continue the long-standing tradition of big band jazz in St Joseph and its surrounding communities. In combining the libraries of the Ray Alburn Big Band and the St Joseph Kicks Band, the new group hopes to give their existing fans more of the music they had loved previously, as well as find new appreciative audiences and dancers.

Secondly, by hosting monthly big band jams, SJBB brings musicians together, allowing them to play, and enjoy the comradery with their old and new musician friends.

And lastly, SJBB intends to use this music to educate young musicians, while giving them a love for jazz. By encouraging young musicians to attend the monthly jams, the more advanced players can mentor the young people, sitting together in the band.



Michael Lyon Jazz Orchestra



Michael Lyon will perform on Saturday June 10th at 1:15 pm in the HS auditorium

Michael Lyon is one of the Midwest's most popular vocalists for the timeless standards of the modern age. His classical training in opera and musical theater with some of the world's finest teachers helped him achieve a vocal mastery that in later years provided a smooth transition into the finest swing and jazz classics made famous by the greats and rediscovered by such modern day crooners as Harry Connick Jr, and Michael Bublé.

Michael Lyon is making his first performance at the 46th annual Glenn Miller festival.

Anyone guess who the 'featured guest performer' Michael is "high-fiving" with after a concert at Anthony's restaurant in Omaha?

That's right, it's one of our favorite performers, Gooch!

(You can see Gooch and his Las Vegas band at the G.M. festival on Friday, June 9th at 3:30 pm)



Moonlight Serenade Orchestra

For Booking Info.
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THE MOONLIGHT SERENADE ORCHESTRA

The Moonlight Serenade Orchestra will perform on Saturday June 10th at 3:30 pm in the HS auditorium

The Moonlight Serenade Orchestra, led by Ron Ernst, as the leader and drummer for the Orchestra in Kansas City. They have been together since 2001, performing all over the Midwest. They performed at the 2005 Glenn Festival! Since that time they have made major changes with the MSO, hiring a complete, new set of professional musicians and vocalists, the best in Kansas City!!

The MSO will be performing the great hits of the Glenn Miller Orchestra, including: Moonlight Serenade, In The Mood, A String Of Pearls, Chattanooga Choo Choo, American Patrol, Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree, Little Brown Jug, Tuxedo Junction and many others. Additionally, they will perform the hits from: The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Frank Sinatra, The Harry James Orchestra, Bing Crosby, The Benny Goodman Orchestra, Nat King Cole, The Artie Shaw Orchestra, Peggy Lee, The Gene Krupa Orchestra and much more.



GMBS Big Band



The GMBS Big Band will perform at the Stage Show on Friday June 9th, at 9:30 am

Each year at the Glenn Miller festival musicians from all over visit Clarinda to play in the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society big band, led by Tom Daugherty. The talent and love of Glenn Miller music, makes this a concert you do not want to miss. The top 3 music scholarship winners will be performing at the Stage Show as well.



NWMS Jazz Group

The Northwest Jazz Ensemble, under the leadership of Dr. William Richardson, is a select group of musicians dedicated to performing great big band music. One of two jazz ensembles at NWMS, this group performed at the 2017 Nebraska Music Educators Association and at Kansas City's Blue Room in 2016. Northwest Missouri State University hosts the annual Northwest Jazz Festival for high school and middle school jazz ensembles and combos each spring term.

Dr. William S. Richardson serves as Professor of Music at Northwest Missouri State University, where he teaches trumpet and directs the Northwest Jazz Ensemble. He holds degrees from Central Missouri State University (BME), Florida State University (MM-Trumpet Performance), and the University of Texas at Austin (DMA-Trumpet Performance).

Music at Northwest Missouri State University:

Northwest has been a member of the National Association of Schools of Music since 1969 and remains particularly committed to preparing students for excellence in public school music teaching. In addition to comprehensive programs in vocal music education and instrumental music education (BME), students may also choose liberal arts programs (BM) in Music, Music Audio Production, Music Business, and Music with Wellness. A Music Minor is available as well.

Music majors and students from over 50 other major areas enjoy active participation in the following: Tower Choir, Madraliers, University Chorale, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Marching Band (BMB), Jazz Ensemble, Studio Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, and various wind, brass, and percussion ensembles.

The NWMS Jazz Group will entertain guests at the GMBS Big Band Breakfast on Saturday, June 10th at 7:00 am at the Fire Station



Dennis Spragg - Glenn Miller Collections

Dennis will hold his presentations from 9:30–11:30 am on Saturday June 10th in the HS Auditorium

Dennis M. Spragg of 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 June of 2022, Dennis was awarded the GMBS Lifetime Member Award.

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 American exceptionalism with current events. Also, influential American and international media have published his articles and essays, as have the Smithsonian and Library of Congress. He appears regularly on radio, television, podcasts and at in-person presentations.

Dennis has prepared the GMC Annual Presentation, this year focused on the year 1943 and the creation of the Capt. Glenn Miller Army Air Forces Band, with many rare photos and first heard music.

Member Bill Freytag will join Dennis with more about the other Army Air Force Bands, specifically the West Coast Unit directed by M/Sgt. Felix Slatkin, with even more rare photos.



Mike Delaney - "Harmonica Madness"

Mike's presentation is scheduled for 8:00 am on Friday June 9th in the HS Library



The Harmonicat's 1947 recording of "Peg O' My Heart" became an overnight sensation and brought a nation's attention to the musical possibilities of the lowly mouth organ.

Mike has assembled a marvelous collection of rare harmonica performer videos from the past featuring such great artists as Larry Adler, Herb Shriner, Borra Minovich's Harmonical Rascals, Belgian jazz Virtuoso "Toots" Thielman and Howard Levy

GMBS Swing Dance Competition

During the Saturday evening concert showcasing the World-Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra, GMBS will hold the swing dance competition. Whether you are doing the Lindy Hop, West Coast Swing, Jive, Jitterbug or some version you created, join in on the swing dance competition fun. Dress up, bring your best moves and your own unique style and compete at the dance.

Remember, if you plan to attend the concert and dance, make sure you get your reservations in for the Festival dinner being served ahead of the concert, at 5:30, with members cost of \$10.00 and non-member's cost of \$15.00 you can help support GMBS and our yearly festivals.

