

**47th annual
GLENN MILLER festival
June 6 - 9, 2024**

Featuring:

Glenn Miller Orchestra

Adam Swanson

Louis Pettinelli Experience

Moonlight Serenade Orchestra

Shades of Blue

Steve Shinninger & the ShinSings

Northwest Jazz Ensemble

Iowa Military Veterans Band

Dennis Spragg (GMC Presentation)

GMBS Scholarship Competition

GMBS Big Band

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GMBS Music Scholarship Competition

The GMBS Music Scholarship competition will be held on Thursday, June 6th with the instrumental portion at 8:15 am and vocals at 1:00 pm in the auditorium.

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 sponsors of these scholarships are: The instrumental sponsors are the Ed and Judy Polic family. The vocal sponsors are the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society. 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.

USAF Shades of Blue Military Jazz Band

The Shades of Blue, from Scott AFB in St. Louis, will perform the opening concert downtown on the Square on Thursday, June 6th at 8:00 pm.

Make plans to attend the festival picnic at 5:00 pm at the HS commons area and then grab your lawn chairs and meet on the Square for the concert.



World-Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra

The Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform on Friday, June 7th at 7:30 pm in the HS auditorium. GMO will also perform at the festival dance on Saturday, June 8th at 7:30 pm in the gym.



GMO returns to Clarinda, as they do every year, to “WOW” us during two concerts: Friday evening June 7th and Saturday evening June 8th. The Friday concert will be held in the Auditorium and the Saturday concert is a dance concert with a swing dance competition in the gym. Bring your best moves and have fun singing and dancing to the world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Adam Swanson - Professional Pianist

Adam Swanson will perform on Friday, June 7th at 1:00 pm in the HS auditorium



Adam Swanson is one of the world's foremost pianists and historians of vintage American popular music, including ragtime, early jazz, the Great American Songbook, and more. Adam has been a featured performer and lecturer at ragtime and jazz festivals across the United States and abroad, and he is the only four-time winner of the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest. He made his New York debut in Carnegie Hall at the age of nineteen, where he performed with Michael Feinstein. Adam appeared alongside pianist John Arpin at the Bohem Ragtime and Jazz Festival in the Republic of Hungary, and he has also toured Switzerland and Australia. Adam has accompanied silent films at the prestigious Cinecon Classic Film Festival in Hollywood and performed privately for Oscar-winning Disney/Hollywood composer Richard M. Sherman (Mary Poppins, etc.). At the age of twenty-one, Adam performed a solo concert at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage in Washington, D.C. Adam holds a bachelor's degree in classical piano and a master's in musicology from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University.

Moonlight Serenade Orchestra

The Moonlight Serenade Orchestra will perform on Saturday, June 8th at 3:30 pm in the HS auditorium.



Back by popular demand, Ron Ernst and the Moonlight Serenade Orchestra will perform once again in Clarinda. The orchestra performed at the Glenn Miller festival in 2005 and in 2023. Their playlist includes tunes by Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, and Artie Shaw.

Northwest Jazz Ensemble

The Northwest Jazz Ensemble will perform on Saturday, June 8th from 7:00 am to 9:00 am at the Festival Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station.



Dr. William Richardson and the NW Jazz Ensemble will again perform at the Big Band Pancake Breakfast. The NW Jazz Ensemble 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. Dr. Richardson also performs in the GMBS Big Band and is the instrumental judge for the GMBS Music Scholarship competition. Make sure you attend this breakfast for the great music and yummy pancakes.

Steve Shining & the ShinSings

Steve and the ShinSings will perform on Saturday, June 8th at 1:15 in the auditorium

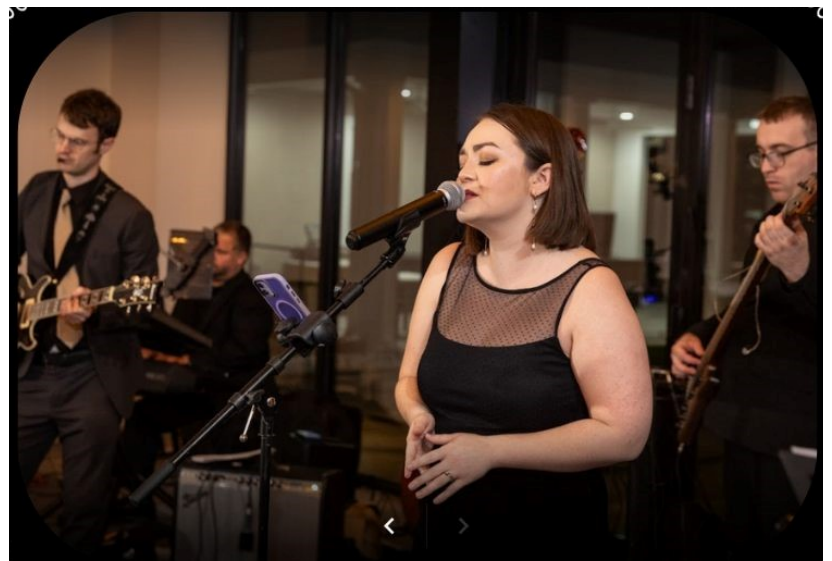
The ShinSings Orchestra is a 13-piece little big band, featuring the music of Frank Sinatra, big band swing and classic pop. Lead by Steve Shining, this ensemble is comprised of the finest horn and rhythm players in the Midwest. They perform public and private events - wedding receptions, company parties, dances - entertaining audiences with a wide variety of big band and vocal classics.



Louis Pettinelli Experience

Louis Pettinelli Experience will perform on Friday, June 7th at 3:30 PM in the auditorium.

Louis Pettinelli, an avid performer and lifelong student of his craft, has dedicated his career to quality and excellence as a musician, businessman, and individual. Because of this passion and devotion, Louis Pettinelli Entertainment has become what it is today. LPE performs from the Great American Sound Book, Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Frank Sinatra and many others we all know.



GMBS Big Band

The GMBS Big Band will perform at the Stage Show on Friday, June 7th at 9:30 am

A Glenn Miller festival favorite is comprised of musicians from all over that come together one weekend in June to play big band favorites. The Glenn Miller Birthplace Society Big Band is led by Tom Daugherty. Tom does a nice job of including some of the students from the Music Scholarship Competition to play in the band during the festival. The kids LOVE this and are thrilled to be included and very thankful for the musicians they meet and perform with. The talent of these musicians is amazing and when they come together at the Stage Show this is a concert you don't want to miss.



Iowa Military Veterans Band

The Iowa Military Veterans Band will perform a FREE outdoor concert at the Glenn Miller Museum on Sunday, June 9th at 1:00 PM

The Iowa Military Veterans Band "The Only One of Its Kind", directed by James Goodwin, was formed 27 years ago to play for the dedication of the WWII Memorial in Des Moines. The band was so well received that they were encouraged to continue. There are presently about 85 musicians in the band, all former military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard). They generally perform at military-honoring venues, promoting respect for the military and veterans, in addition to some public performances. They strive to promote the military and patriotism for the U.S. Each year playing at the Iowa State American Legion Convention, the Iowa State Fair, and at the Civic Center, plus other concerts. This past summer they played at the Iowa Municipal Band Festival in Boone and the Pella Tulip Festival. They also play each year for the patients at the Veterans Home in Marshalltown. This concert is in coordination with FREE museum day; plan to visit the Museum and stay for the outdoor concert.



Dennis Spragg - Glenn Miller Collections

Dennis will present his *Long Ago and Far Away* presentation on Saturday, June 8th in the auditorium at 9:30 am



Dennis M. Spragg of the Glenn Miller Collections, American Music Research Center, University of Colorado Boulder, is Glenn Miller's official archivist and biographer. Historian of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society and festival host, he also produces and hosts the acclaimed weekly big band broadcast, the *Star-Spangled Radio Hour*, directs the Glenn Miller Collections website and social media, and appears regularly on radio, television and podcasts. As an author of critically acclaimed books, including *Glenn Miller Declassified*, he writes respected articles and essays that are widely published by international media including the BBC, Smithsonian, Library of Congress and Voice of America.

Dennis summarizes his presentation - "2024 marks the eightieth anniversary of the most important year of Glenn Miller's career, 1944, and, unfortunately, his disappearance. This year's timely presentation and museum exhibit from the Glenn Miller Collections will capture the sights and sounds of Glenn Miller, 1944, *Long Ago And Far Away* with many rare videos, photos and, of course, the outstanding music of the legendary Glenn Miller Army Air Forces Orchestra."

2024 Glenn Miller Festival Highlights

This year's festival is filled with returning bands, new bands and lots of events for everyone. The festival begins on Thursday June 6th with the GMBS Music Scholarship competition. The instrumental portion is at 8:15 am and the vocal portion is at 1:00 pm, followed by the festival picnic at 5:00 pm and the Shades of Blue FREE concert downtown on the Square at 8:00 pm.

Friday, June 7th kicks off with the Stage Show, featuring the GMBS Big Band and the scholarship winners at 9:30 am. Adam Swanson entertains festival guests at 1:00 pm, with the Louis Pettinelli Experience at 3:30 pm. The Glenn Miller Orchestra closes the day with their concert at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, June 8th begins early with the Big Band Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station at 7:00 am featuring the Northwest Jazz Ensemble. The festival moves to the high school for a presentation by Dennis Spragg, *Long Ago and Far Away* at 9:30 am. Next up is Steve Shinger and the ShinSings with a 1:15 pm concert. At 3:30 Ron Ernst and the Moonlight Serenade Orchestra perform in the Auditorium. A highlight of the festival is the catered 'festival dinner' at 5:30 pm with the Glenn Miller Orchestra dance concert and swing dance competition in the Gym at 7:30 pm.

Sunday, June 9th features FREE MUSEUM DAY beginning at 10:00 am at the Glenn Miller Birthplace & Museum. New this year is a second FREE concert at 1:00 pm (outdoors at the Museum) featuring the Iowa Military Veterans Band. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the concert.

There is much to do and see during this music-filled weekend, so bring your friends and family and enjoy the fun.