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WORLD FAMOUS GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA WILL SOON SWING AT COS

*The popular music of over 60 years ago is still popular today...
the Glenn Miller Orchestra's music is the sonic equivalent of cotton candy: oh, so sweet and easy to digest!*

Weed / COS – The world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will perform at the College of the Siskiyous Kenneth Ford Theatre, for one performance only, on Sunday afternoon, September 13 at 4 p.m.



The Glenn Miller Orchestra is a fully self-contained band consisting of the Bandleader, Larry O'Brien, five saxophone players, four trumpeters, four trombonists, three rhythm musicians and two vocalists, Julia Rich and Nick Hilscher. Just as in Glenn's day, the average age of the sidemen is 23 and most of them have degrees in music from some of the most illustrious music schools in the country – Berkley, North Texas State, Ohio State, Indiana University, University of Miami, UCLA, USC, and more.

Bandleader, Larry O'Brien, first became the leader of the Glenn Miller Orchestra in 1983. He was playing trombone in the Dunes Hotel "Casino de Paris" Orchestra when Glenn Miller Productions, Inc., first asked him to front the band. O'Brien has a direct link back to the Glenn Miller sense of performance. He first performed with the Miller Band in the early Sixties, when Ray McKinley was the bandleader. He has been involved with the big bands during most of his career. He has performed with the orchestras of Sammy Kaye, Buddy Morrow, Ralph Marterie, Ray Eberle, Billy May, Les Elgart, Boyd

Raeburn, Art Mooney and Less Castle. He has also backed up such stars as Tom Jones, Frank Sinatra, Sergio Franchi, Wayne Newton, Roy Clark and many other noted performers.

When discussing the Glenn Miller Orchestra, O'Brien underscores his dedication to maintaining the Miller aura. "During some of the more modern parts of our big band repertoire, we play in the big band style. On some of the pieces, we don't. What we always try to do is to run this band in the way we believe Glenn would have if he were still here," said O'Brien. That the Miller sound lives on is of no surprise to O'Brien. "It seems that good things just don't ever die. Rather, they age gracefully and mellow with the years. If anything, I honestly think the authentic Glenn Miller music today is more popular, with younger people, than ever before," he continued.

The Orchestra has performed in all 50 states, as well as throughout Europe, Australia, Iceland, New Zealand, Guam, the Philippines, and South and Central America. Of course, all of the biggest hits are included in the regular program.

Now nearly 60 years have passed since the public was first introduced to, and quickly embraced as the beautiful "Miller Sound," and still today the legend and the music lives on. The Glenn Miller Orchestra is the most sought after big band in the world today for both concert and dance band engagements. Still considered the greatest band of all time, its unique sound is loved.

The College of the Siskiyous Foundation and the Siskiyou Training and Employment Program presents this outstanding concert. For tickets call the Weed Campus Foundation Office at (530) 938-5373 or toll-free (888) 397-4339. General admission tickets are \$20, seniors are \$19, and children 12 and under are \$12 with reserved seating. Group tickets are available at \$15 per ticket for groups of 20 or more. If tickets are still available the afternoon of the performance, they will be sold at the theatre box office beginning at 3 p.m. Don't miss your opportunity to hear this very special American Big Band, a musical tradition