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Concert to Raise Funds for the GWU Music Department

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will bring the big-band pizzazz of the 1940s to Gardner-Webb University on Sept. 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Paul Porter Arena, inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center. The event is a fundraiser for the Music Department of Gardner-Webb's new School of Performing and Visual Arts.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra is the most popular and sought after big band in the world today for both concert and swing dance engagements. As one reviewer wrote, "In an era of blaring brass, rinky-dink pianos, and throbbing drums, a young orchestra leader named Glenn Miller...found sound and salvation by muting the brass, featuring the mellow sound of the trombone, and turning the lead over to the reeds. By creating the unmistakable 'Glenn Miller' sound, he lifted himself and his orchestra to an exalted position among the finest groups of the Big Band Era."

Formed in 1956, today's Glenn Miller Orchestra has maintained that "exalted position," touring constantly and performing an average of 300 live dates a year around the world. As of January 2011, trombonist Gary Tole is the orchestra's musical director. For more information on the band or to hear some of their recordings, visit glennmillerorchestra.com.

Tickets are now on sale for the Sept. 26 concert. The cost is \$10 for general admission and faculty, and \$5 for students. For tickets, call (704) 406-4448, or email Dr. Patricia Sparti at psparti@gardner-webb.edu

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