



## PRESS RELEASE

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# GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA at The Sharon L. Morse PAC in support of the Arts Bridge Charity



**Howey-In-The-Hills, FL – Get Off The Bus Concerts is pleased to present The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7pm at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center in The Villages, Florida. Tickets on sale now and can be purchased at [GetOffTheBusConcerts.com](http://GetOffTheBusConcerts.com), [TheSharon.com](http://TheSharon.com) or (352)753-3229. This show is in support of the Arts Bridge Charity (<https://theartsbridgecharity.org/>).**

The first Glenn Miller Orchestra did not make it at all. It was a total and absolute economic failure. But Glenn knew what he wanted, held to that dedication and relentlessly worked to succeed. He launched his second band – the one that lives on today – in March of 1938. The Glenn Miller Orchestra has been a “hit” ever since.

The legendary Glenn Miller was one of the most successful of all dance bandleaders back in the Swing Era of the 1930’s and 40’s. A matchless string of hit records, the constant impact of radio broadcasts and the drawing power at theatres, hotels and dance pavilion, built and sustained the momentum of popularity.

Glenn disbanded his musical organization in 1942 at the height of its popularity to volunteer for the Army. There, he organized and led the famous Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band. It went to Europe to entertain servicemen performing numerous live and radio shows. On December 15, 1944, Major Miller took off in a single engine plane from Europe to precede his band to France, disappearing over the English Channel, never to be seen again. The army declared him officially dead a year later.

With the release of the major motion movie The Glenn Miller Story featuring Jimmy Stewart and June Allyson in 1954, interest and popular demand led the Miller Estate to authorize the formation of the present Glenn Miller Orchestra. On June 6, 1956, and under the direction of drummer Ray McKinley who had become the unofficial leader of the Army Air Force Band after Glenn's disappearance, the reformed Glenn Miller Orchestra performed its first concert and has been on the road ever since. Other leaders have followed Ray including clarinetists Buddy DeFranco and Peanuts Hucko, trombonists Buddy Morrow, Jimmy Henderson, Larry O'Brien and Gary Tole, and tenor saxophonist Dick Gerhart. Since January 2012, vocalist Nick Hilscher leads the band.

Today, the 18-member ensemble continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements both from the civilian band and the AAFB libraries. Additionally, it also plays some more modern selections arranged and performed in the Miller style and sound.

Just as it was in Glenn's day, the Glenn Miller Orchestra today is still the most sought-after big band in the world.

**More photos & info about this show:**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ybdedP6yIBOCIMPn5BsbBGIIBT1Eocg5?usp=sharing>

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**About Get Off The Bus Concerts**

Get Off The Bus Concerts came about through the vision of Joe and Fatima Bamford, former owners of HALJOE COACHES. After a long and varied career in the music and entertainment industry Joe thought, "Wouldn't it be fun to do some concerts with some people who have traveled on our buses over the years?" Inspired by their daughter, Jenn, who fundraises relentlessly for several organizations in her hometown of Moncton, New Brunswick, Joe and Fatima realized the importance of giving back so decided to turn their concert idea to draw attention and support for worthwhile causes. Some of the concerts have included Willie Nelson, Kenny Rogers, Merle Haggard, Olivia

Newton John, Styx, Trace Adkins and Neil Sedaka.

For more information visit [GetOffTheBusConcerts.com](http://GetOffTheBusConcerts.com)

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