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Legendary Big Band Brings Christmas and Swing to Stambaugh Auditorium

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## For Immediate Release:

The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will bring their extensive repertoire as well as Christmas favorites to Stambaugh Auditorium on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm. Tickets for the show range from \$15-\$30 and go on sale Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am through the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium.

American musician, arranger, composer, and bandleader, Glenn Miller, is one of the best known names from the swing era. He was the best-selling recording artist from 1939 to 1943, selling more records in one year (1941) than any other in the history of the recording industry. Miller's recordings include "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Pennsylvania 6-5000," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "A String of Pearls," "American Patrol," "Tuxedo Junction," "Elmer's Tune," and "Little Brown Jug."

Miller disbanded his famous orchestra in the height of its popularity and volunteered for the Army in 1942. While serving, he organized the Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band, entertaining servicemen by performing live and on radio shows. An unexpected accident ended Miller's life and career in 1944.

After a rise in popularity brought on by the 1958 film *The Glenn Miller Story*, the Miller Estate authorized the formation of the Glenn Miller Orchestra that exists today. Currently, the eighteen-member ensemble performs many of the original hits from both the original band and the Army Air Force Band, along with modern tunes arranged in the Miller style. The current band travels over 100,000 miles each year, playing nearly 300 dates, and has been "on the road" longer than any other Big Band ever.

Tickets for this performance go on sale Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. For more information or for tickets, visit stambaughauditorium.com or call the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office at Stambaugh Auditorium at 330-259-0555. The box office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00am-6:00pm.

## About Stambaugh Auditorium:

Stambaugh Auditorium is a non-profit public auditorium which opened in 1926 through the generous gift of Youngstown area businessman Henry H. Stambaugh. The centerpiece of the complex is the Concert Hall which has a seating capacity of 2,553 and is renowned for its near perfect acoustics. The auditorium also features a 9,700-square-foot ballroom (Jeanne D. Tyler Grand Ballroom), a recital hall (Anne K. Christman Memorial Hall), and a formal garden at the southern end of the building, all of which can be rented for public, business, or private functions. The venue welcomes national and international performers on a regular basis while also hosting local and regional events many of which use the Florence and Ward Beecher Box Office to sell and distribute tickets. Stambaugh Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.