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MOONLIGHT SERENADERS BIG BAND TO PERFORM AT THE BOP STOP for The Music Settlement Benefit

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The Moonlight Serenaders Big Band announced its planned benefit concert performance for **The Music Settlement** (formerly known as The Cleveland Music School Settlement) taking place at The Bop Stop on Sunday, April 28, 2024 beginning at 3pm. Recognized as Northeast Ohio's longest continuously performing Big Band, The Moonlight Serenaders will be bringing its eighteen piece big band and four vocalists for an evening of big band favorites spanning over fifty years of traditional big band music.

The Bop Stop serves as the hosting musical venue for this concert performance with all tickets sales and related proceeds being donated to The Music Settlement in behalf of the Moonlight Serenaders. Additional Music Settlement benefit performances in the Cleveland market are already being planned for this fall.

Under the leadership of Music and Artist Director, Carl Newyear, the Serenaders program will include music from all the internationally recognized traditional big bands of Glenn Miller, Woody Herman, Bennie Goodman, The Dorsey Brothers, Duke Ellington, Harry James and others taking the audience from the 1920's through the 1950's. Vocal features from this era will include Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Tangerine, Sentimental Journey, Don't Get Around Much Any More, The Summer Wind and others.

Appealing to audiences of all tastes and ages the program expands to more contemporary standards from the Great American Song Book, featuring the favorites Frank Sinatra, Cole Porter, Nat King Cole, Henry Mancini, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. The younger members of the audience will instantly recognize Pink Panther, The Candyman, Route 66, Moon River, Days of Wine & Roses and others.

Band Manager and Producer John Smith commented, "We're thrilled to bring the band to Cleveland's most prominent nationally recognized live music venue. Most of our full time professional instrumentalists and vocalists have gone through intense music education instruction to achieve this platform in their careers. It's only fitting that the entire band wanted to give something back to an establish music education institution like The Music Settlement. Once the Bop Stop became part of The Music Settlement, we knew we needed to make this commitment. Working with Bop Stop Director, Bryan Kennard, he has been marvelous in finding a date for their hosting this special concert."

BOP STOP Director Bryan Kennard added. "The BOP STOP is an important part of the Northeast Ohio music community, and we host a wide variety of musical styles and artists from solo acts to large ensembles. While many of our performances focus on contemporary and original voices, we recognize the important role the classic big band repertoire played in the history of this American art-form. The \$15 ticket price makes this event with the Moonlight Serenaders accessible to a wider audience, and we hope you will consider joining us for this special performance to support the mission of (The Music Settlement/BOP STOP). "

FOR TICKETS and further information contact the BOP STOP, Telephone: 216-771-6551

or visit their website at www.thebopstop.org

Located at 2920 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113

ABOUT THE MOONLIGHT SERENADERS BIG BAND:

The Moonlight Serenaders has attracted and retained some of the finest professional musicians available in Northeast Ohio. Many of the areas most talented performers have contributed to the growing success and recognition of the band over the years and its reputation for professional showmanship at every performance. Every musician and vocalist is personally attached in some way to enjoying and presenting the best music from the Great American Songbook. The Moonlight Serenaders continue a seventy year tradition specializing in the beautiful big band music of the 1930's to present. The band can be heard performing for corporate events, themed festivals, outdoor concerts, medical and political fund-raiser galas and theater in-concert performances throughout the region.

ABOUT THE BOP STOP:

The BOP STOP at The Music Settlement is Cleveland's premier listening room: an intimate, acoustically pristine performance venue with sweeping views of Lake Erie. Donated to The Music Settlement in late 2013, BOP STOP is the place to see high-quality up-and-coming and well-established acts on the near-West side. All programming is booked by the staff at The Music Settlement; with a century's worth of musical expertise, you can be sure that a night out at the BOP STOP is always worthwhile. Additionally, when you buy tickets for a BOP STOP show, or buy food and drinks at our venue, your purchase helps to support The Music Settlement and its many programs.



Publicity photo attached, Moonlight Serenaders Big Band