

GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA®

Highlights

- ♪ Glenn Miller was born on March 1, 1904, in Clarinda, Iowa.
- ♪ Glenn Miller originally wrote the music for *Moonlight Serenade* (later to become his theme song) as an exercise when he was studying with noted arranger, Joseph Schilinger.
- ♪ The first **Glenn Miller Orchestra**, formed in 1937, was a financial failure.
- ♪ In March 1938, Glenn Miller launched his second band, and unlike the first band, it became an enormous success with multiple hit records and huge box office sales.
- ♪ At the height of the orchestra's popularity, Glenn Miller disbanded his musical organization in 1942 to volunteer for the army. He then organized the famous **Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band**.
- ♪ On December 15, 1944, Major Glenn Miller took off in a single engine plane from England – against his better judgment – to precede his band to France, never to be seen again. The army officially declared him dead one year later.
- ♪ Due to popular demand, the Miller Estate authorized the formation of the present **Glenn Miller Orchestra** in 1956.
- ♪ In 1941, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra had more hit records in one year, including *A String of Pearls*, than anybody in the history of the recording industry.
- ♪ Although other songs had sold over a million record copies, in 1941 Glenn Miller's recording of *Chattanooga Choo Choo* received the first Gold Record ever to be awarded.
- ♪ The **Glenn Miller Orchestra** has been “on the road” longer and more continuously than any other Big Band ever.
- ♪ The **Glenn Miller Orchestra** travels over 100,000 miles each year, playing nearly 300 dates.
- ♪ More than 500,000 people annually attend performances of the **Glenn Miller Orchestra**.
- ♪ The **Glenn Miller Orchestra** has toured Japan annually since 1964. You might say the Japanese have “A Yen for Glenn.”
- ♪ A Guinness Book Record for the “Largest Dance” was established on July 20, 1984, in Buffalo, New York, when a crowd, estimated at 25,000 danced to the music of the **Glenn Miller Orchestra** on a specially designed 450 foot long dance floor.
- ♪ The entire **Glenn Miller Orchestra** repertoire now exceeds 1,700 compositions, which keeps the band popular with both young and old.
- ♪ The **Glenn Miller Orchestra**, along with other big bands, recorded “Singing With The Big Bands” with Barry Manilow in 1994.

*The Glenn Miller Orchestra is still
the most sought after Big Band in the World!*

