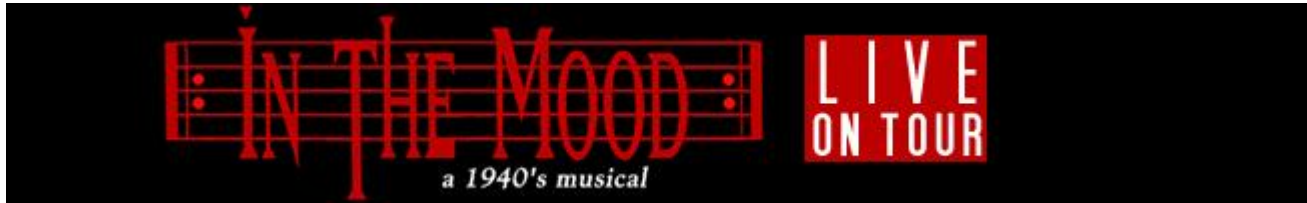


Columbia Basin Allied Arts is proud to facilitate the return of:



Featuring the Music That Moved the Nation's Spirit

IN THE MOOD... the 1940s Big Band, Swing Dance Musical

Wallenstein Theater, Moses Lake - Tuesday, February 2nd ~ 7:30 pm

IN THE MOOD is coming back ~ **REVAMPED WITH 18 NEW SONGS** ~ to the Wallenstein Theater, 7662 Chanute Street NE, at Big Bend Community College, on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:30 pm, presented by Artbeat in association with Columbia Basin Allied Arts.

IN THE MOOD is the 1940's Big Band Theatrical Swing Dance Revue. It's the music of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Erskine Hawkins, The Andrews Sisters, Frank Sinatra and other greats of the 1940's. Featuring a company of 19 on stage, including the In the Mood Singers and Dancers with the sensational String of Pearls Big Band Orchestra, the show's music arrangements (42 songs in all), costumes and choreography are as authentic as it gets!

IN THE MOOD celebrates the music that moved the nation's spirit and helped win a war. This was the last time when all of America was listening and dancing to the same kind of music. IN THE MOOD takes a retro look at the life and time of America's greatest generation. With music and dance performed to up-tempo big band rhythms and mellow intimate ballads, a mood was set to inspire a future filled with hope, promise and prosperity. In The Mood immerses the audience in the swing, rhythm, jazzy, brassy, sentimental and romantic music of that important time.

To get an idea about the IN THE MOOD, see this 2-minute video clip:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gIRIWBza4A>

Tickets for the Moses Lake performance are \$29.50 and \$24.50 and available at Andrew's Hallmark, 102 West 3rd Avenue, Moses Lake - 765-8000 and The Bookery, 1 Basin Street NW, Ephrata 754-5321. Tickets may also be ordered on line: www.artbeatshows.org or www.tix.com: 800 595 4849 (very low convenience fee).

IN THE MOOD has been named the official touring event for THE SPIRIT OF '45, a year-long national project that recognizes the people who fought WWII and their legacy: a rebuilt Europe and Japan and The United Nations. THE SPIRIT OF '45 hopes to reinvigorate America's world leadership and salute those who laid the foundation for America's peace and prosperity.

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ranged from up-tempo big band rhythms to mellow intimate ballads, which set a mood that inspired a future filled with hope, promise and prosperity. This was a time like no other in our Nation's history, a time when music moved the Nation's spirit. Come experience the swing, rhythm, jazzy, brassy, sentimental and romantic music of this important time.

❖ **IN THE MOOD** began as a celebration of an unusual era in American music, the 1940's.....the Swing Era. On radio, in theaters and ballrooms, the Big Bands were drawing record crowds. Vocal groups and soloists sang a repertory of great songs, and for the last time in the 20th century, the entire country shared a common popular music. This body of song did much to sustain national morale during World War II, the pivotal event of the 40's.

❖ The National Archives in Washington, DC brought **IN THE MOOD** to their audiences as part of their commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of WWII, and the response was extraordinary, with crowds lining up for hours before curtain time. The engagement was twice extended to extra performances.

❖ In 1993, the Archives presented a repeat performance, out-of-doors on Constitution Avenue. Thousands attended, and many stayed to dance the night away. As a result, **IN THE MOOD**, in affiliation with the USO, began a series of tours which played to audiences across the United States during the 50th Commemoration of WWII. The show's association with the National Archives and the USO was altogether appropriate, for much of the underpinning research was drawn from resources of these national organizations.

❖ Since then, **IN THE MOOD** visited Europe and in 1997, the band and singers were selected to be part of the entertainment for the 53rd Presidential Inauguration Ball. Touring since 1994, the show's upcoming national and international performances will continue to portray the spirit of the music that moved the nation.

IN THE MOOD was conceived and created by Washington, DC's musical producer Bud Forrest.

The Moses Lake Performance is presented by Artbeat with the support of Columbia Basin Allied Arts, Randy Johnstad, Executive Director. We thank Big Bend Community College for making the Wallenstein Theater available.

For press materials for **IN THE MOOD**, tour dates and other performing arts, check:

<http://www.artbeatshows.org>

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