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The McDaniel College Music Department Jazz Faculty announces Blue Moon Big Band in concert at the Carroll County Arts Council, March 26, 2006 at 6pm.

– The Jazz Concert Series promotes the Jazz Studies Music Minor –

Westminster, MD – January 18, 2006 – The Jazz Faculty of McDaniel College is pleased to welcome Blue Moon Big Band to the beautiful Carroll County Arts Council in Westminster on Sunday, March 26. Earlier concerts in the series were held in September and December 2005, and the series will conclude with a final concert in June. Each concert in the jazz concert series promotes the William J. Byrd Scholarship – a scholarship given to students wishing to minor in Jazz Studies at McDaniel College, and the jazz studies minor at the college.

Blue Moon Big Band (www.bluemoonbigband.com), under the direction of Baltimore native Rob Leonard, will entertain with jazz and big band selections from the libraries of legends such as Sammy Nestico, Count Basie, Sonny Rollins, Dizzie Gillespie, and others. The band, celebrating its ninth year as a Baltimore-based swing orchestra, has performed for private and public audiences in Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and New York. Milestone events for the band include a 2001 feature presentation on National Public Radio's "Swingin' Down the Lane", a standing room only engagement at the Swing 46 Jazz and Supper Club in Manhattan later that year, and sharing the stage with jazz greats Cyrus Chestnut and Ethel Ennis during a 1998 live television appearance, among others. Blue Moon Big Band has recorded four CDs.

"We are truly honored to be part of this concert series and to share our love of jazz and swing to help promote the William J. Byrd Scholarship at McDaniel College," said Rob Leonard. "Arguably the only true American-born art form, jazz has served as a constant source of musical and cultural

achievement since the early days in New Orleans, Kansas City, Chicago, and St. Louis. It is possibly the greatest form of communication ever created, bridging races, religions, and national boundaries alike.”

This concert, as well as every concert in the series, will be from 6-8pm. Tickets are \$10.00 general admission, \$5.00 for seniors and students with a student ID. There is also a special \$30.00 ticket price for buying the entire concert series. **Call 410.848.7272 for tickets.** For more information, contact Dr. Glen Caldwell (gcaldwel@mcdaniel.edu or 410.857.2553) or Peggy Fosdick (pfosdick@mcdaniel.edu or 410.857.2293). For information on the concerts and/or the Jazz Studies Minor program at McDaniel College, contact Dr. Glen Caldwell. For information on the William J. Byrd Scholarship, contact the Community Foundation of Carroll County, 10 Distillery Drive, PO Box 170, Westminster, Maryland 21158, call 410-876-5505, or email info@carrollcommunityfoundation.org.

About Blue Moon Big Band

Formed in May 1998, Blue Moon Big Band is a Maryland-based 19-piece swing orchestra specializing in the timeless music of the American swing era. Performing for audiences throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, Blue Moon Big Band has entertained at large functions for as many as 3,000 and at more intimate settings for as few as several dozen listeners and dancers. The band has also performed at both live and recorded television and radio events, including a 2001 feature presentation on National Public Radio, and its music has been played on over 60 radio stations across the U.S. Blue Moon Big Band has recorded four CDs, with sales in all 50 U.S. states and 10 international territories. Blue Moon Big Band has worked with some of the area's top dance instructors, including the 2001 American Lindy Hop Champions, and can arrange lessons before the event. The full orchestra, as well as its smaller partner ensemble Li'l Bit of Blue, is available for wedding receptions, corporate and private parties, dances, concerts, and other special events, and can provide anything from jump and jive for clubs or festivals to big band dance music for an elegant party or reception. For information on pricing and availability, contact bandleader Rob Leonard at 410.756.2473 or 301.639.0770. For additional information, visit the Blue Moon Big Band website: www.bluemoonbigband.com.

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