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Blue Moon Big Band Marks 10th Anniversary with Release of Sixth Recording

– “Blue Moon Big Band Caught in the Act: 10th Anniversary Celebration Live at Naylor Wine Cellars” features more than two hours of entertainment –

Baltimore, MD – November 21, 2008 – Maryland-based Blue Moon Big Band (www.bluemoonbigband.com), an authentic 1940s style swing orchestra that specializes in the timeless music of the American big band era, today announced the release of *Blue Moon Big Band Caught in the Act: 10th Anniversary Celebration Live at Naylor Wine Cellars*. The double CD set, which includes 34 songs packed into more than two hours of entertainment, is the band’s sixth overall release and its second in 15 months.

On the heels of the nationally acclaimed release of *The Polar Bear’s Pajamas*, the band’s 2007 studio project, *Caught in the Act* offers time-tested favorites in Blue Moon Big Band’s repertoire as well as several new additions to the band’s library from the songbooks of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Benny Goodman, Cab Calloway, Antonio Carlos Jobim, and Michael Bublé. In addition to the band’s full complement of full-time musicians, several guest artists joined the group on stage at Naylor Wine Cellars for the live recording on July 19, including vocalists Ken Ebo and Dan Aitken, drummer Mark St. Pierre, and Blue Moon Big Band alumni Steve Conaway (drums) and Craig Fager (trombone).

“Recording the live project at Naylor Wine Cellars seemed like to perfect way to mark the band’s 10th anniversary,” noted bandleader Rob Leonard. “The July 19 dance was our fourteenth performance at Naylor since 2002. Somehow we have been blessed with great weather on every occasion at the winery, and we enjoyed a huge audience for this particular performance.”

The double CD is selling at an introductory price of \$20 through the remainder of 2008. On January 1, 2009, the cost of the recording is expected to increase to \$25. “We wanted to give a great value to

our fans,” said Leonard, “so we priced the CD low for 2008. Considering the number of songs on the project, however, we feel that the five dollar increase next year is still extremely reasonable.” *Blue Moon Big Band Caught in the Act: 10th Anniversary Celebration Live at Naylor Wine Cellars*, as well as the band’s previous releases and featured vocalist Teresa Leonard’s solo recording *The Child in Me*, are available via the Order Stuff page (www.bluemoonbigband.com/order.htm) of the band’s web site. A complete listing of songs on the new CD is also available on the site.

About Blue Moon Big Band

Formed in May 1998, Blue Moon Big Band is an authentic 1940s style swing orchestra specializing in the timeless music of the great American big band era. Performing for audiences throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, Maryland-based Blue Moon Big Band has entertained for thousands of guests at large events and for as few as several dozen listeners and dancers at more intimate settings. The band will appear in the 2009 cinema release, *My One and Only* starring Renee Zellweger, Kevin Bacon, and Chris Noth, and has also performed at both live and recorded television and radio events, including a 2002 feature presentation on National Public Radio. Its music has been played on over 60 radio stations across the U.S. and Blue Moon Big Band has recorded six CDs, with sales in all 50 U.S. states and 11 international territories. Blue Moon Big Band has worked with some of the area’s top dance instructors, including the 2001 American Lindy Hop Champions. The full orchestra, as well as its smaller partner ensemble Li'l Bit of Blue and its Latin infused partner Big Band Caliente, 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: www.bluemoonbigband.com.

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