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## **Blue Moon Big Band Partners With Naylor Wine Cellars to Present the “Marty Knepp Peace & Groove Memorial Project” Dance on Sunday, June 28**

*– All sales and money raised to be donated to the Knepp family –*

**Baltimore, MD – May 14, 2015** – Maryland-based Blue Moon Big Band ([www.bluemoonbigband.com](http://www.bluemoonbigband.com)), an authentic 1940s style swing orchestra that specializes in the timeless music of the American big band era, today announced that it has partnered with Naylor Wine Cellars ([www.naylorwine.com](http://www.naylorwine.com)) to present the “Marty Knepp Peace & Groove Memorial Dance” on Sunday, June 28, 2015 from 1:00-4:30 PM. The open-to-the-public event, which will be held at Naylor Wine Cellars, 4069 Vineyard Road in Stewartstown, PA, will honor long-time Blue Moon Big Band drummer Marty Knepp, who passed suddenly and unexpectedly on April 30 of this year. Tickets will be available at the gate: \$15 general admission; \$7.50 ages 5-15; free under the age of 5. All ticket sales and money raised via CD sales will be donated directly to Marty’s wife Sandy Knepp and their three children to assist with upcoming financial challenges. Marty, known for his unfaltering positive outlook and his trademark “Peace and Groove to You All” signature line, is remembered as an exceptionally artistic musician, fine instructor, and dear friend.

Guests are invited to bring a picnic lunch to the casual event; however, no outside alcoholic beverages will be permitted. Wine will be available for sale at the event. A beginner dance lesson will be provided by the York Social Dance Studio ([www.ysdstudio.com](http://www.ysdstudio.com)) from 1:00-1:45 PM, and will be followed by three dance sets of big band, swing, foxtrots, ballads, Lindy Hop, and Latin favorites from Blue Moon Big Band. Those unable to attend the event but wishing to make a donation are asked to visit the band’s Facebook page for more information or go directly to the GoFundMe ([gofundme.com/uar3n2t](http://gofundme.com/uar3n2t)) site.

Any musicians who have sat-in with Blue Moon Big Band at any time during the Marty Knepp era with Blue Moon Big Band (2000-2015) are invited to bring instruments and join the band for a song or two. This celebration will be all about how Marty's incredible artistry touched the lives of so many fellow musicians, dances, and students throughout the years. Intended guest musicians are asked to contact bandleader Rob Leonard directly to arrange to join the band during the event. Guest musicians will be asked to pay the posted gate admission to enter the event.

### **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 appeared 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, 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 301.639.0770. For additional information, visit: [www.bluemoonbigband.com](http://www.bluemoonbigband.com).

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