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Blue Moon Big Band to make New York City debut!

– Swing 46 jazz and supper club to showcase Maryland swing orchestra on Saturday, November 2 –

BALTIMORE, MD – September 1, 2002 – Maryland-based Blue Moon Big Band, a 19-piece swing orchestra that specializes in the timeless music of the American swing era, announced today that Swing 46, a jazz and supper club located in the theater district of New York City, will provide the setting for the band's New York debut on Saturday, November 2, 2002.

Judith Lalor, Owner of Swing 46, said, "Hundreds of bands contact us each year, hoping to play at the club, but when Rob sent us Blue Moon's latest CD and we played it for our patrons, they went wild. Nearly every night we can expect requests to hear some cuts from the Blue Moon CD, 'Nice Work if You Can Get It.' The band has a very distinctive and unique edge to its music, from West Coast to East Coast swing and from blues to the ballads. And, of course, they can lay down Lindy Hop the way our dancers like it! We're really looking forward to seeing the band perform live at the club in November."

Blue Moon Big Band will travel to New York City on November 2 via charter bus service. Guest seats on the bus, which will be sold on a first-pay basis, will be available at a cost of \$45 each. The cost includes round-trip transportation from Timonium, MD to Swing 46 and admission to the club, but does not include food or beverages. Club policy requires a two-drink minimum. Jacket and tie and not required, but jeans and sneakers are not permitted. Guests must be at least 21 years of age. Persons or groups interested in reserving seats on the bus should contact Rob Leonard at 410.756.2473 or 301.639.0770.

Rob Leonard, bandleader of Blue Moon Big Band, said, "The band has performed at some really exciting venues over the past several years, but playing at Swing 46 definitely scores as one of our marquee events to date. It will be great to experience the excitement of a New York

audience, the way that Miller, Goodman, and all the original big bands did during the swing era of the early twentieth century. I think most serious musicians dream of playing in the Big Apple, and we consider the invitation from Swing 46 to be an extremely high honor, especially considering all the great bands in the New York area."

Swing 46 is located at 349 West 46th Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues. Following a free dance lesson at 9:15 PM, Blue Moon Big Band will provide entertainment for dancing from 10:30 PM until 2:00 AM. Admission to the club is \$12 per person. For dinner reservations or additional information, contact Swing 46 at 212.262.9554 or info@swing46.com.

About Swing 46

Swing 46, an intimate supper club setting with romantic balconies for dining and entertainment, is New York's "ONLY" all Swing dinner dance club, featuring live music every night. The club's menu has a creative American style, each dish a delicious balance of fresh ingredients from masterful chefs. Swing 46 was recently bestowed with the ZAGAT "Award of Distinction" for fine dining and exceptional entertainment. Swing 46 is your place to DANCE. From Lindy Hop, to a steamy Samba, you'll feel the groove any night of the week. If you don't know how to swing dance, or need to brush up on your skills, join us every night for FREE DANCE LESSONS @ 9:15. For more information, visit www.swing46.com or call 212.262.9554.

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, and its music has been played on over 60 radio stations across the U.S. Presently, Blue Moon Big Band's CDs have been sold in 49 U.S. states and 9 international territories. Blue Moon Big Band has worked with some of the area's top dance instructors, including the reigning 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 pricing and availability information, 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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