MONROE BIG BAND TO PERFORM AT MCCC FEB. 8

String Section from Adrian Symphony to Join Band for Several Selections

MONROE, Mich. – The 16-piece Monroe Big Band will perform at Monroe County Community College’s La-Z-Boy Center on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The band and vocalists will treat the audience to old standards and a few new ones, such as the sounds of Count Basie, Frank Sinatra, Michael Buble, Natalie Cole and many more.

The Monroe Big Band is a community-based group of musicians featuring music teachers, accountants, managers, engineers and computer specialists. The group started in 1982 as the Don Waybright Big Band. In 1987, the band reformed into the Monroe Big Band.

The last time the Monroe Big Band played at MCCC was in 2011 to a sellout crowd at the Meyer Theater.

According to band leader Tim Lentner, a string section from the Adrian Symphony will join the band for several selections. Jerry Lentner will be featured on alto sax on “Temptation,” as recorded by Charlie Parker in 1952. Other string selections will include the Tony Bennett-Amy Winehouse recording of “Body & Soul” and Michael Buble’s “Feelin' Good.”

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“Add the close harmony sounds of our Jazz Vocal Quartet with songs like ‘Don't Get Around Much Anymore’ and ‘I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo’, and it will be a glorious musical evening right here in Monroe at the college,” Lentner said.

Tickets are $14. They can be purchased on the Web at www.monroeccc.edu/theater, in person at the Cashier’s Office in the Warrick Student Services/Administration Building or via phone by calling the MCCC Ticket Hotline at (734) 384-4272.

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