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THE CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS
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Presents

American Canteen



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AMERICAN CANTEEN

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE BIG BAND ERA
AND THE AMERICAN CANTEEN USO SHOWS

Producer Michael Embrey

Musical Conductor Ron Mills

Moonglow Trio Diane Compton
Mary Launder
Julia Maish

Guest Vocalist Kate Rafferty

Fantasy of Stars Big Band Orchestra

Saxophones Bill Horn
Richard Daugherty
Gary Parker
Dick Robertson

Trumpets Kirk Garrison
Doug Sharf
Michael Stewart

Trombones Dana Legg
John Mose

Guitar George Sawyn

Bass Ross Lahlum

Drums Bob Rummage

Piano Ron Mills

Fantasy of Stars Dancers

Lisa Morreale - **Chorographer**
Melissa Campbell
Courtney Davis
Diana Rourke
Julie Ziegenhorn

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Act 1: The War Years

<i>Big Band Tribute</i>	Big Band
<i>That Old Black Magic</i>	Kate Rafferty
<i>Little Brown Jug</i>	Dancers
<i>Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree</i>	Moonglow
<i>Dream a Little Dream of Me</i>	Moonglow
<i>St. Louis Blues March</i>	Big Band
<i>Harry James Medley</i>	Kate Rafferty
<i>I Get a Kick Out of You</i>	Kate Rafferty
<i>Veteran Salute (all branches)</i>	Big Band
<i>American Patrol</i>	Dancers
<i>Rum & Cola</i>	Moonglow
<i>Bugle Boy from Company B</i>	Moonglow
<i>Curtain closer</i>	Big Band

Intermission

Act 2: Show Time

<i>Big Band Medley-In the Mood</i>	Big Band
<i>With a Song in My Heart</i>	Kate Rafferty
<i>Song of India</i>	Dancers
<i>Still Sittin' Under the Apple</i>	Tree Moonglow
<i>Cheek to Cheek</i>	Moonglow
<i>Opus #1</i>	Big Band
<i>Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend</i>	Kate Rafferty
<i>Somewhere Over the Rainbow</i>	Kate Rafferty
<i>Sing, Sing, Sing</i>	Dancers
<i>Forty Second Street</i>	Moonglow
<i>Lullaby of Broadway</i>	Moonglow
<i>God Bless America</i>	Entire Cast
<i>Curtain closer</i>	Big Band

Please note: Musical selections are subject to change

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Four singers, five dancers and a 14 piece swing band recreate the glamorous early days of radio and the traveling USO shows with performances of unforgettable favorites such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "In the Mood," "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" and more. *American Canteen*. is conceived, produced and directed by Michael Embrey. The choreographer is Lisa Morreale. Ron Mills is the musical director.

Featured vocalists include:

Kate Rafferty is a professional vocalist from the Chicagoland area. Miss Rafferty has opened for such great stars as Robert Goulet, The Ink Spots and the legendary Ray Charles and performed voice-overs and commercials for a variety of regional and national accounts.

Julia Maish has spent the last 15 years in Chicago theater, first as a founding member of the original Chicago Shakespeare Company, and later at the Body Politic Theatre, Apple Tree Theatre, New Tuners, Stage Left, Bailiwick Repertory and others.

Mary Launder earned her Bachelor of Music/Musical Theater degree from Florida State University, and her MFA in acting from the Asolo State Theater Conservatory in Sarasota, FL. She currently sings with the vocal trio Moonglow and Joe Lill's Six of One.

Diane Compton is a founding member of Moonglow. A native of Flint, Michigan, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater from the University of Michigan, and an MFA in Acting from the Asolo State Theater Conservatory in Sarasota, FL. After a 2 year stint in New York, Diane moved to Chicago where she has worked both onstage and backstage at the area theaters including the Forum Theater in Summit and Chicago's Bailiwick Repertory.



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