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Saturday, October 18th, 2008

Come “Swing, Swing, Swing” with The Springfield Symphony as we present the biggest “Big Band” around!

On Saturday October 18th, 2008, the Springfield Symphony invites you to come and hear some of the greatest Jazz standards like you’ve never heard them before. We are gathering some of the best Jazz soloists in Missouri and putting them together with the Symphony to form the biggest “Big Band” around! Together we will perform all the classic tunes made famous by Glenn Miller, Billy May and Stan Kenton to name just a few. In fact, Bill Hartman, the Symphony’s Bass Trombonist, actually performed with Stan Kenton himself, which will bring an even greater authenticity to this unique performance!

Also joining the Symphony will be the renowned and phenomenal New York Jazz Vocalist, Nancy Kelly, singing and scatting her way through favorites such as Honeysuckle Rose, It Had to be You, September Song and other popular Jazz classics. Nancy appears regularly in New York City performing at The Blue Note, Birdland, The Rainbow Room, and Dizzy's Jazz Club at the Lincoln Center. She also works frequently in Los Angeles and Miami, as well as appears at countless Jazz clubs, festivals, and symphony orchestra engagements across the country and internationally - with Japan, France and Switzerland amongst her many destinations. Downbeat Magazine’s reader’s poll voted Kelly the title of "Best Female Jazz Vocalist" two years in a row, and Jazzreview.com wrote:

I will say without the slightest degree of hesitation, that Miss Kelly is one of the best female jazz singers that I have ever heard, bar none....I repeat, bar none

This swinging spectacular will also feature Randy Hamm, master Sax player and Arranger who also happens to be a Jazz Instructor at Missouri State University. He will bring his own incredible arrangements including a haunting version of Laura transcribed from the Charlie Parker with Strings album.

Don't miss out on what promises to be a truly unforgettable night of "Jazzing it up and Bluesing it down". It will be hard to stay in your seats for this one!"

For more information on the incomparable Ms. Kelly (including photos, audio and video clips) please visit <http://www.nancykelly.com/>

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For Single tickets - please contact Hammons Hall Box Office at
(417) 836-7678
1-888-476-7849
www.missouristatetix.com

Ticket prices range from \$9.00 to \$32.00
(Including Senior and Student Discounts)

Juanita K. Hammons Hall
7:30pm – Performance
7:00pm – Preconcert Music in the lobby

Season tickets are still available
Please contact the Symphony Office at (417) 864-6683

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