

Published August 29th, 2012 Get into the Swing at the Rheem

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The New Rheem Theatre in Moraga will be transformed Friday, September 14 when the Big Band of Rossmoor performs the sweet sounds of swing made popular by big band greats like Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, and Louis Armstrong who filled ballrooms and nightclubs with enthusiastic fans in the mid-'30s and '40s. Come to dance or just tap your toes to the music. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. with free dance lessons offered by professional instructor Gail Enright starting at 7 p.m. before the musical performance begins at 8 p.m. The 31-piece band, which includes seasoned musicians up to age 93 as well as aspiring new artists as young as 13 years old, will keep the joint jumpin' until 10 p.m.

"The magic of the Rheem Theatre helps bring back the history of this music," said Big Band of Rossmoor director Mo Levich. "The music becomes even more timeless when shared between the generations."

The Big Band of Rossmoor is sponsored by The Generations in Jazz Foundation. Tickets are available for \$10 per person at the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, at the Rheem Theatre or at the door. You may call and reserve tickets by phone at (925) 284-7404 for pick up at Will Call.

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