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A NITE OF SWING

The Arts Council of Livingston is planning a NITE OF SWING, at the great new venue in town the new Ruth Rockwood Memorial Library. It will be held on Saturday evening May 3rd at 7:30 PM in the community room. The celebration of the arts promises to be lively and fun with a fifteen swing band "Swingtown" as the entertainment for the evening.

Swingtown is Maplewood Community Music's twenty piece swing band. The group plays 1930's and 1940's big band favorites and jazz standards and is headed up by Jim Buchanan. Buchanan, a retired music educator, recently retired as Maplewood's Cultural Affairs Supervisor in the Recreation Department. His swing band was created in 2003 along with Susan Dillon and together they have been delighting audiences with their upbeat music and love of the era.

The band features vocals and is made up of saxophone, trombone, trumpets, bass, piano and drums. A swing dance instructor will be on hand to teach and guide the guests to do their own swing dance!

Committee chairwoman Joyce Gore says “we see the evening as a enjoyable evening out to be with friends to enjoy upbeat fun music and to have a chance to showcase our beautiful new showcase, The Livingston Library” and she added, “even if you don’t like to dance we invite everyone to come out for a fun social evening”. The Nite of Swing will be held in the new community room and light fare and dessert will be served. “We will also be having an exciting art auction, an annual event sponsored by The Arts Council , spotlighting and featuring many different types of art”.

The Art’s Council’s mission is to promote the arts in our community. The organization supports all member organizations, providing creative arts programming for children and adults, continuing our program of scholarships for talented high school seniors, and encouraging new and emerging artists of all ages and disciplines. In keeping with this mission, this year’s Gala will showcase the “Big Band Era of Swing”.

Due to space availability, tickets are limited and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. For tickets please call Joyce Gore at 973-.994-2379 or Lois Dyer 973-533-1809.