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STARLIGHT BAND TO PLAY MUSICIANS' FAVORITE SELECTIONS

Free concert Tuesday, July 26 at Guthrie Green

Tulsa, OK—Starlight's concert band has many loyal musicians, some of whom have been playing in the group for decades. During that time, they have performed a countless number of songs. While professional musicians will play whatever they are paid to play, it's no surprise that a musician might enjoy one particular musical selection over another, and might even have a favorite tune they enjoyed playing. Considering this, Starlight's artistic director L. Dale Barnett turned the tables and asked the band members themselves to choose the repertoire for their performance on July 26. George Kaiser Family Foundation "Band Request Night" is free and begins at 8pm at Guthrie Green.

"This will be a diverse program and reflect a range of musical tastes. We include selections from composers such as Holst and Grainger, two of our favorite marches, and a popular tune from 'Mamma Mia,'" said Barnett. "There will be something for everyone to enjoy." Special guests for the evening will be the members of "Something Steel" a local steel drum band. The group features the music of the islands with their own blending of steel drum sounds, guitars, and percussion.

Starlight's last concert of the 2016 season will feature Starlight Jazz Orchestra on Friday, August 5 playing a "Tribute to the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra" during the Brady Arts District's "First Friday Art Crawl." Guthrie Green offers free parking and is accessible to those with disabilities. Concessions will be available.

Guarantors for the 2016 season are the Oklahoma Arts Council and the Treeman Family Foundation in honor of Jeff Treeman. Other major sponsors include: Cedar Creek, Circle Cinema, Creative State, George Kaiser Family Foundation, Guthrie Green, Liberty Press, National Endowment for the Arts, Public Radio Tulsa: KWGS/KWTU, Saied Music Company and the

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