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**STARLIGHT BAND CELEBRATING 70-YEAR TRADITION**

*Free summer concerts at Guthrie Green*

Tulsa, OK—At age 70, many Americans are enjoying retirement, spending time with their grandkids, and generally slowing down. But one Oklahoma icon is becoming more hip with age. Starlight Band is not only still going strong, but is connecting with fans on social media and is proud to be part of the vibrant arts scene in the Brady Arts District.

“We strive to be relevant to people of all ages and to perform music which all generations can enjoy,” said L. Dale Barnett, Starlight’s Artistic Director. “We have many loyal followers, and we want to invite them to celebrate our seventieth season with us.” The first performance of the summer season will be Tuesday, June 21 starting at 8pm. Presenting sponsor Saied Music Company is also celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The free concert and birthday activities will be at Guthrie Green, 111 E. Brady, Tulsa. The evening will also feature a performance by the University of Tulsa Festival Band, made up of area high school students.

Starlight Band is comprised of over 50 of Green Country’s finest musicians, and is Oklahoma’s only professional concert band. Concerts are family-friendly. Those attending are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic dinners while they enjoy live music played under the stars.

Other 2016 concert dates are Tuesday, June 28 “Fiesta!”; Tuesday, July 12 “Jazz Under the Stars”; Tuesday, July 19 “Night at the Movies”; Tuesday, July 26 “Band Request Night”; and Friday, August 5 “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.

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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, Guthrie Green, Liberty Press, National Endowment for the Arts, Public Radio Tulsa: KWGS/KWTU, Saied Music Company and the Jimmie & Helen Saied Foundation, Universal Combustion Corporation, and the Charles & Marion Weber Foundation in memory of Dr. Charles E. and Marion L. Weber.

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