SWING TIME!

■ The American Stage Festival presents tribute to big bands through July 19 at Summer Stage in Milford.

MILFORD – The American Stage Festival will present "The All Night Strut," a song-and-dance tribute to the music of the big band era, through July 19 at the Summer Stage.

"The All Night Strut" features hit tunes such as "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," "In the Mood," "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Tuxedo Junction," "As Time Goes By," "Java Jive," "Fascinating Rhythm," and "Ain't Misbehavin'."

The "All Night Strut" also features several humorous songs of the era including "Minnie the Moocher," "Rosie the Riveter," and "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," as well as hot dance numbers like "Beat Me, Daddy, Eight to the Bar" and "It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing."

New York director and choreographer Jim Weaver, who directed ASF's 1996 production of "Ain't Misbehavin'," will return to lead this production. Jim Rick will be music director.

Performances will be at 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Matinees will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Sundays.

The Summer Stage is on Route 13 North, just off the Oval in Milford.

Tickets range from $14-$26, depending on the day of performance. Senior and student discounts will be available for all shows. Limited $10 rush tickets also will be available.

For tickets or information, call the American Stage Festival at 673-7515.

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American Stage Festival members rehearse for the company's production of "The All-Night Strut." The show will be performed through July 19 at the Stage Festival's Summer Stage in Milford. **Top left:** Dennis Stowe belts out one of the tunes featured in the tribute to big bands. **Above:** Debra Walton, left, and Stowe rehearse one of the production's dance numbers. **Right:** Gregg W. Goodbrod, left, and Lyn Philistine are all smiles as they practice their duet.