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Arnie Mig Memorial Big Band Concert is coming back to Howard Beach this year

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A promotional poster for a swing concert. The background is white with red curtains on the left and right sides. At the top, in red text, it says "Co-sponsored by NYS Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato and Brady & Bader Attorneys At Law". In the center, there is a black silhouette of four people in a line, two men and two women, in a classic swing dance pose. Below the silhouette, the text reads "Featuring: Music Staff Swing Orchestra" in a stylized, bold, red font with a white outline. At the bottom, it says "Thursday, September 9" in a large, bold, black font.

After having to cancel the event last year due to COVID-19, State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr., along with Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato and the Brady & Bader law firm, are proud to bring back the 11th Arnie Mig Memorial Big Band Concert to the Howard Beach community this September.

This year's free concert will take place on Thursday, September 9, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the St. Helen's parking lot, located at the corner of 157th Avenue and 84th Street in Howard Beach, and is open to the public. If there is inclement weather, the concert will be moved indoors to the Father Dooley Hall. Residents are encouraged bring their own chairs to the parking lot to comfortably enjoy the show.

The namesake of the concert, Arnold "Arnie Mig" Migliaccio was the leader of the Serenaders in Blue Orchestra that held the very first annual swing concert for the residents of Howard Beach nearly three decades ago where they performed Big Band-era jazz music from the 1940's.

When the beloved musician passed away on June 7, 2009, Addabbo wanted to honor Migliaccio's legacy and continue the tradition that he established. Therefore, Addabbo started the Arnie Mig Memorial Big Band Concert in 2009 that would allow the residents of Howard Beach to continue to enjoy the music that Migliaccio played for them.

"Unfortunately we were not able to hold this annual concert last year because COVID restrictions didn't allow us to gather together. I am happy to be able to bring this event back to the community this year," Addabbo said. "Arnie Mig brought music and joy to the Howard Beach community through his concerts, and it is an honor and pleasure to continue the tradition of bringing great music to the residents that he started so many years ago. I want to thank Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato and the Brady & Bader law firm for their continued partnership in bringing the concert back this year."

"I am so excited that we can bring this great event back to Howard Beach and that we're hearing live music all throughout Queens again," Pheffer Amato said. "Arnie Mig spread so much joy through his concerts, and I thank Senator Addabbo and all the sponsors for continuing this tradition."

For more information on the Arnie Mig Memorial Big Band Concert, contact Addabbo's Howard Beach office at (718) 738-1111