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JONI'S 4 CONCERTS

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Now— Miller mania

THIS IS GLENN MILLER, the hero of the Thirties' big band era. And although he died in 1944, Miller's music lives on, with a single poised to enter the British chart and a special London concert by his orchestra planned for Easter Monday (April 19).

"The Glenn Miller Orchestra, led by clarinetist Peanuts Hucko, will be going through Europe in April and I have the option to present them at the New Victoria in London," impresario Jack Higgins told the Melody Maker this week.

"The band is the officially recognised Miller Orchestra and has been led by Hucko for about a year. They were last in Britain about three years ago."

Since then, there has been a huge resurgence of interest in Miller's music, spearheaded by the British disco boom which has led to the re-release of his "Moonlight Serenade" as a single.

RCA Records claim the record is selling about 4,000 copies a day and the company plans to re-release more singles by swing era bandleaders.

"We plan to put out a single a month featuring Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw and Duke Ellington," commented Dave Machray, RCA's product manager.

Miller-mania will also be reaching the cinema this summer, when Miller's two movies, Sun Valley Serenade and Orchestra Wives are shown in London.

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and the legend
of swing:
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JONI MITCHELL comes to Britain this summer to play four concerts with the L.A. Express as the climax to a European tour.

The concerts will be the first time Mitchell, whose "The Hissing Of Summer Lawns" was the Melody Maker's Album Of 1975, has appeared in this country since her shows two years ago; she played a sell-out concert at the New Victoria Theatre in London on April 20, 1974, and was on the bill at Crosby, Stills, Nash And Young's Wembley Stadium extravaganza in September of that year.

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Her European tour, as exclusively reported in the MM last week, starts in Oslo on May 14. The concerts continue in Germany, France and Holland before coming to Britain for three shows in London at the end of the month.

Mitchell's British schedule is: LONDON Hammersmith Odeon (May 26, 27 and 28) and GLASGOW Apollo Centre (30).

The European tour is part of a worldwide trek by Mitchell and The L.A. Express, which started this month with concerts in America. She appears in Japan and Australia during April and early May.

Mitchell's "The Hissing Of Summer Lawns" is at number 24 in this week's MM album chart.

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