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Bumper Jacksons to perform at B&O Railroad Museum's Veteran's Day Swing Dance to benefit National Guard program, *A Taste of Home*

Baltimore, MD - It was the era of a toe-stomping *Chattanooga Choo Choo* -- a time when today's World War II veterans were young soldiers fighting a major war. To honor these brave men and women, the B&O Railroad Museum is hosting a **Swing Dance** inside its 1884 Roundhouse. Bumper Jacksons, recognized as the region's "Best Traditional Folk Band" at the Washington Area Music Awards last year, are re-imagining early jazz and street blues with power, tenderness, and in the spirit of a good old-fashioned dance party. Amateurs receive a 30-minute dance lesson beginning at 7pm. A portion of the proceeds benefit *A Taste of Home*, apolitical and non-partisan organization that provides acts of kindness for Maryland's sons and daughters in harm's way. Beer, wine, sodas, and light snacks are available for purchase. Costume or period dress encouraged but not required.

Tickets:

In-advance: \$20 for B&O Members, \$25 for the General Public, \$45 for Couples

At-the-door: \$30 for B&O Members, \$35 for the General Public, \$60 for Couples

WHEN: **Saturday, November 8, 2014**

7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Tickets on-sale beginning July 15, 2014 at www.borail.org or by calling 410-752-2462 x 212.

WHERE: B&O Railroad Museum

901 West Pratt St.

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About the B&O Railroad Museum

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American railroading and its impact on American society, culture, and economy. The Museum is home to the oldest, most important and comprehensive collection of American railroad artifacts in the world including an unparalleled roster of 19th and 20th century railroad equipment. The 40-acre historic site is regarded as the birthplace of

American railroading and includes the 1851 Mt. Clare Station, the 1884 Baldwin Roundhouse, and first mile of commercial railroad track in America. For further information on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, please call 410-752-2490 or visit www.borail.org

About Bumper Jacksons

The Bumper Jacksons are a big, fat party. Hot and sweet, their early jazz and country repertoire paints America's story from New Orleans' brothels to Appalachian hollers. Unafraid to scrap together new sounds from forgotten 78's, the Bumper Jacksons boldly and elegantly balance paying homage to the traditions while fashioning their own unique, DIY style. Deeply rooted in their love for early swing, blues, and old time country, Bumper Jacksons are playfully creative with their originals, re-imagining American roots music with both power and tenderness. They reach back to a time when jazz rowdy street music of American - a music of pleasure and celebration, of freedom, and a good old-fashioned dance party - before it really even had a name. They perform these traditional sounds of America, heart-wrenching and youthful, and always in the spirit of raw adventure. After two short years, the Bumper Jacksons have gained national recognition, bringing together dancers and excited youth from across the Eastern seaboard. They have positioned themselves squarely at the helm of the young roots music scene in DC and Baltimore, pioneering a new, fresh take on American music. Recognized as the region's "Best Traditional Folk Band" at the Washington Area Music Awards last year, the Bumper Jacksons are ready to pounce onto the national stage. Bursting at the seams with some of the richest threads of old America, Bumper Jacksons bring you into the center of a party where everyone's invited and the dance floor never sleeps. For more information, visit www.bumperjacksons.com.

About A Taste of Home

A Taste of Home is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that was established in 2006 to provide a morale boost to the Maryland National Guard and Maryland's sons and daughters in harm's way. The entire staff of volunteers makes sure all donations solely support military troops and have maximum impact. In 2010 the organization added private counseling services to returning guard members and their families. For more information, visit www.atasteofhome.org.

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