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MEL MARTIN 'S JAZZ AND SAXOPHONE NEWSLETTER



May, '07

Hello friends;

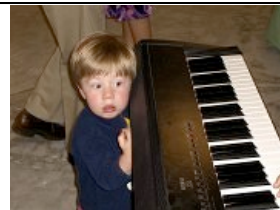
Catey and I got back from an excellent vacation on the island of Maui in early April and it's been a very busy time ever since. We stayed at a great condo (thanks Kenny) that was right on the ocean with a great view of Moloka'ai and Lana'ai and a lot of whales! I did a couple of nice gigs with my friend Gene Argel and New York trumpeter Valerie Pomenarov at Pacific O and Unisan Sushi.



I was invited by Paul Rinzler and Professor William Johnson to conduct an all-star, all-state Jazz Combo at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo and had a fine time with a great group of students. We performed along with the all-state orchestra and the fantastic wind ensemble conducted respectively by Jeffrey Grogan and the incredible composer [Stephen Melillo](#). It was great to hang out with those guys. It was like a master class in conducting.



We did a gig for the Marin Arts Council's Open Studio with students from the San Marin Jazz Combo and my newest and brightest new student Zachary Cosmo Breindel (my Grandson) sitting in on drums. In fact he nearly knocked Tim Carr off of his drum stool!



Here's some upcoming Bay Area dates this month. We hope to see you there.

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**Friday Evening, May 11, 2007 - MEL MARTIN w/ The George Khouri Trio at [BIX Restaurant](#), 56 Gold ST. San Francisco, CA 94133, 10:30PM - 12:45AM**

**Saturday Evening, May 12, 2007 - [The MEL MARTIN QUARTET](#) at [Cafe VanKleef](#), 1621 Telegraph Avenue (between 16-17th Streets) Oakland, CA - BART: 19th St, (510)763-7711 w/ [Barry Finnerty](#) - guitar, Dave Mathews Organ and Jeff Marrs - drums 9PM-12:30AM**

**Saturday Evening, May 19, 2007 - [The MEL MARTIN QUARTET](#) @the [No Name Bar](#), 757 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965 (415)332-1392,**

9PM-1AM w/ Brad Buehe - guitar , Robb Fisher- bass and Jeff Marrs - drums.

Sunday afternoon, May 20, 2007 - [Bebop and Beyond Advanced Jazz Workshop final concert](#) - Featuring the San Marin Jazz Combo, Jazz Choir and Dixieland Jazz Combo - 2-5PM Performance center, 15 San Marin Drive, Novato, CA 94945 (415) 898-2121

Tuesday afternoon, May 22, 2007 - [BEBOP AND BEYOND JAZZ DAY@San Marin High School](#) - A one hour concert by Bebop and Beyond followed by a one hour + clinic on all instruments. Mel Martin - tenor and soprano saxophones, [Andrew Speight](#) - alto saxophone, [Mike Olmos](#) - trumpet, Robb Fisher - bass, Jeff Marrs - drums and Art Khu - piano. Performance center, 15 San Marin Drive, Novato, CA 94945 (415) 898-2121 Free - All musicians and students welcome. 2:30-5PM. We will be concentrating on the Music of [Benny Carter](#) as part of his centennial celebration.



I'm very pleased to announce the official release date, July 10, of "Just Friends" The Mel Martin/Benny Carter Quintet Live @ Yoshi's on [Jazzed Media](#) Celebrating [BennyCarter's](#) 100th birthday. It will be distributed by Allegro-Music and be available at [Jazzed Media](#)'s web site and [mine](#), as well. In addition, there will be Cd release events in New York, Los Angeles Angeles and Yoshi's in Oakland and beyond. Please check out the schedules below and mark your calendars.

Friday & Saturday Evenings, July 6-7, 2007 - MEL MARTIN CD Release Event at [The Kitano Hotel](#) - 66 Park Avenue at East 38th Street New York, NY 10016 (212)885-7000 w/ [Don Friedman](#) - piano, [Steve Johns](#) - drums, [Steve Laspina](#) - bass

August 4, 2007 - MEL MARTIN w/ the John Heard Trio @ [Charlie O's](#).

August 8, 2007 - MEL MARTIN AT THE [HOLLYWOOD BOWL](#) w/ [The Clayton-Hamilton Orchestra](#), [James Moody](#), [Marlena Shaw](#), [Roy Hargrove](#), [Eldar](#), [Russel Malone](#) and others TBA

August 9, 2007 - The MEL MARTIN QUARTET @ The Crowne Plaza LAX 6-10PM w/ [Roger Kellaway](#), Chris Colangelo and Roy McCurdy - Presented by [In-House Music](#)

August 11, 2007 - MEL MARTIN and the BENNY CARTER CENTENNIAL TRIBUTE BAND @ [The Jazz & Blues Store](#) - Carmel, CA- featuring [Roger Kellaway](#), [Andrew Speight](#), Robb Fisher and Jeff Marrs.

August 12, 2007 - MEL MARTIN and the BENNY CARTER CENTENNIAL TRIBUTE BAND @ [The Hamlet](#), Cambria, CA featuring [Roger Kellaway](#), [Andrew Speight](#), Robb Fisher and Jeff Marrs.

August 15, 2007 - MEL MARTIN and the all-star BENNY CARTER CENTENNIAL TRIBUTE BAND @ [Yoshi's](#)- featuring [Roger Kellaway](#), [Andrew Speight](#), Robb Fisher, [Winard Harper](#) and [Jackie Ryan](#) + special guests. This will be a very special concert to celebrate [Benny Carter's](#) Centennial Birthday and the CD release of [Just Friends](#).



You can check out more of Mel Martin's saxophone tips at the Rico Reeds web site.

[Articulation](#)  
[Reed Break-in](#)  
[Mouthpiece Playing Position](#)  
[Vibrato](#)

Last but not least, please check out my new MySpace page. You can hear more audio clips, send me notes and just be my friend. You don't even need to be 12.

[Mel Martin & Bebop and Beyond MySpace page](#)

These recordings are available at my [web site](#).

[Mel Martin and Bebop and Beyond CD-5006](#)

Friends and Mentors - Bebop and Beyond Plays the Music of Mel Martin

(Also available at [iTunes](#))

[Mel Martin and Bebop & Beyond Plays Dizzy Gillespie](#)

featuring Dizzy Gillespie CD-R2 7917

[Mel Martin and Bebop & Beyond Plays Thelonious Monk](#)

featuring Joe Henderson and Howard Johnson - CD R2 79154

[Mel Martin and Bebop & Beyond CD-244](#)

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