

Quotes

"I am most impressed with Mel Martin's musicianship."

Benny Carter

"Mr. Martin displays a dazzling technique and an awesome command of jazz harmony. His approach to playing is unique. He doesn't sound like anyone else"

Saxophone Journal

"Blistering bebop chops...his tenor speaks in romantic, sculptured phrases..upbeat, naturally fluent melodic qualities."

Owen Cordle - Jazz Times Magazine

"Martin is a solid workmanlike, improviser with a facile technique, a firm rhythmic feel, and a vivid harmonic vision."

Don Heckman - Los Angeles Times

"An amazing tenor and soprano saxophone player, sophisticated with a fresh point of view."

Saxophone Journal

"The Mel Martin band was exciting, rewarding and more."

Phil Elwood - San Francisco Examiner

"The Whirlwind with the woodwinds"

San Francisco Chronicle

"Mel Martin's interpretation of his own tune 'Longhorn' was a wailing, logically constructed chain of phrases. His arrangements were clean and straight forward."

Downbeat Magazine

"Martin's ballad work shows a remarkable feeling for styles associated with a couple of generations before he was born...his sound is as inherently attractive as anyone I can think of."

Phil Elwood - San Francisco Examiner

"Mel Martin is a talented bop tenor player who combines the off-the-wall creativity of Joe Henderson with the drive of Dexter Gordon. Martin's arranging chops are clearly coming on strong."

Gregory Robinson - Cadence Magazine

"Mel's saxophone playing uncovers his deep plumbs of the tradition as he enlarges a spread of timbres. His improvisations are fired by infusions of imagination, cloaked with a high sense of urgency. His fluent delivery is garnished with an appealing vibrato and discrete staccato veins."

Dr. Herb Wong - Past president IAJE

"A great Teacher"

Stan Getz

"A hidden treasure - invaluable."

Jeff Kaliss - San Francisco Chronicle

"You really play your ass off!"

Dizzy Gillespie

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