

## 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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