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Albert Alva, Director of the Chapman University Big Band and Jazz Combo, has toured with Rosemary Clooney, Ben Vereen, Leslie Uggams, Jerry Lewis, Michael Feinstein, Ann Hampton Calloway, and Ken Peplowski. He has also played in various bands backing such artists as Mel Torme, Joe Williams, Diane Schuur, Jack Jones, and the Captain & Tennile. Recording credits include Toni Tennile, Renee Olstead, Matt Catingub, and Rosemary Clooney's last two CD's (both Grammy nominated).

Mr. Alva was musical director for the Pasadena Jazz Institute, and recently taught at the Excelsus Summer Music Camp for kids in Long Beach, CA. His proudest moments include working on music with jazz legend Benny Carter. Mr. Alva served as librarian, copyist, arranger, and saxophonist for the late jazz drum legend Louie Bellson. Albert arranged, conducted and performed on Mr. Bellson's last recording with jazz legend Clark Terry.

Gary Matsuura, professor of saxophone, jazz improvisation and Director of the Chapman University Saxophone Ensemble is entering his 18th year at Chapman University. He founded and established the current curriculum for saxophone studies and **Jazz@Chapman**. As a performer, Gary was a featured soloist in a performance with Celine Dion and Rosie O'Donnell in the 1998 Celine Dion Christmas Special, "These Are Special Times" shown on CBS. In addition, he has played back-up to such entertainers as Helen O'Donnell, the Temptations and the Four Tops. His saxophone artistry can be heard on Phillip Keveren's CD Introspection on the Soundsage label. In addition to private studies in jazz improvisation with jazz legend Phil Woods, he also holds a Diploma in Composition and Arranging from the Grove School of Music and a Bachelors of Arts in Music Education from California State University, Fullerton

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