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*presents the*

## *Stan Kenton Alumni Band*

Mike Vax, Director

Opening Act

## *Chapman Big Band*

Albert Alva, Director

*Co-sponsored by*

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March 12, 2010 • 8:00 P.M.

Chapman Auditorium, Memorial Hall

Program

Walkin’ Shoes	Gerry Mulligan
Street of Dreams	Lewis & Young, arr. Stan Kenton
Eager Beaver	Stan Kenton, arr. Dave Wolpe
	Chapman Big Band Albert Alva, director

Program to be selected from the following:

Alex’s Tune	Dale DeVoe
A Little Minor Booze	Willie Maiden
America the Beautiful	arr. Bob Curnow
Artemis and Apollo	Johnny Richards
Artistry Jumps	Stan Kenton, Pete Rugolo
Crescent City Stomp	Eric Richards
El Viento Caliente	Paul Brewer
Here’s That Rainy Day	arr. Dee Barton
Intermission Riff	Ray Wetzel, arr. Kim Richmond
Long Ago and Far Away	arr. Lennie Niehaus
Lullaby of Broadway	arr. Lennie Niehaus
Malaguena	arr. Bill Holman
Opus in Pastels	Stan Kenton
Peanut Vendor, The	arr. Stan Kenton
Shadow of Your Smile, The	arr. Joel Kaye
Softly As I Leave You	arr. Dale DeVoe
Stompin’ at the Savoy	arr. Bill Holman
Tonight	Leonard Bernstein, arr. Johnny Richards

Stan Kenton Alumni Band  
Mike Vax, director

Joining us tonight in the audience is Bassist Howard Rumsey, the last remaining member of the first Stan Kenton Orchestra, which opened at the Rendezvous Ballroom in Balboa in June 1941. Later, Mr. Rumsey established the famous Lighthouse Café at Hermosa Beach, followed by Concerts by the Sea in Redondo Beach.

The Stan Kenton Alumni Band



Alumni from the 1956 – 1978 Stan Kenton Orchestras come together to perform for festivals, clinics, concerts, cruises and dances. The band makes tours around the United States every year, and does jazz cruises and festivals. We perform some of the well-known music of the Stan Kenton Orchestra; plus in keeping with Stan’s insistence on not just performing nostalgia type music, we also perform fresh new material written in the Kenton style, as well as original material written by members of the Band. We are NOT trying to be the “Stan Kenton Orchestra,” but we are carrying on his tradition of dedication to creative music and to jazz education.

Leader Mike Vax is a product of the City of Oakland, CA, and the Oakland Public Schools, having graduated from Oakland High School in 1960. He has led a big band off and on since his days at College of the Pacific over 45 years ago. A few of his credits include being first trumpet, soloist and road manager of the Stan Kenton Orchestra, as well as being co-leader while Mr. Kenton was recovering from surgery; leading the Dukes of Dixieland in New Orleans; producing and/or music directing for over 30 jazz festivals; and performing workshops for more than 2500 high schools, colleges and universities all over the world. He is an International Artist for the GETZEN COMPANY.

The goals of the big band are to perform meaningful music, talk about the importance of the jazz heritage in America, bring jazz music to young people, and to offer our audiences a relaxed, entertaining atmosphere.

FRIENDS OF BIG BAND JAZZ is the support group for The Mike Vax Jazz Orchestra and the Stan Kenton Alumni Band. This nonprofit corporation sends students to summer jazz camps on scholarships, donates funds to high school music programs and youth orchestras, and raises money for many good causes that have to do with music and education. They also sponsor the Prescott Jazz Summit, which brings students and professional musicians together for performances and workshops.

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# Stan Kenton Alumni Band

Mike Vax, *Director*

<u><i>Saxophones</i></u>	Carl Saunders	<u><i>Drums</i></u>	<u><i>Percussion</i></u>
Kim Richmond	Don Rader	Gary Hobbs	Dee Huffsteter
Billy Kerr	Steve Huffsteter		
Nancy Newman		<u><i>Bass</i></u>	<u><i>Vocals</i></u>
Joel Kaye	<u><i>Trombones</i></u>	Kristen Korb	Scott Whitfield
Al Yankee	Roy Wiegand		Ginger Berglund
	Scott Whitfield	<u><i>Piano</i></u>	
<u><i>Trumpets</i></u>	Dale DeVoe	Brian O'Rourke	
Mike Vax	Kenny Shroyer		
Dennis Noday	Mike Suter		

# Chapman Big Band

Albert Alva, *Director*

<u><i>Saxophones</i></u>	<u><i>Trumpets</i></u>	<u><i>Guitar</i></u>	<u><i>Percussion</i></u>
Kevin Allen	Adam Brown	Daniel de Arakal	Kirsten Wiest
Brandon Bielagus	Sidney Eads III		
Garrett Eastwood	Joshua Huihui	<u><i>Drums</i></u>	<u><i>Vibes</i></u>
Andrew King	Ryan Jesch	Tyler Reymore	Brian Andrews
Collin McClanahan	Christopher Nario		
John Torkington		<u><i>Bass</i></u>	
	<u><i>Trombones</i></u>	Corey Leitch	
<u><i>Flute</i></u>	Javier Cerna		
Bella Staav	Marx Ha	<u><i>Piano</i></u>	
	Zachary Mariano	Evan Roth	
	Michael Rushman	Tim Sauer	

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