PERSONNEL

Alto Sax 1—Jaime Antonio*
Alto Sax 2—Devin Martinez*
Tenor Sax 1—Anibal Seminario*
Tenor Sax 2—Jaren Cloud*
Baritone Sax—Shane Maddox

Trumpet 1—Adam van Vleet
Trumpet 2—Naoto Hall
Trumpet 3—Akira Ross
Trumpet 4—Ian Holmquist

Trombone 1—Michael Beltran
Trombone 2—Nick Pavlakovich
Trombone 3—Katya Raymond
Trombone 4—Paul De La Rosa

Guitar—Shane Savala*
Tadashi Kuriyama*

Piano—Tony Escoto
Bass—Nicolas Gonzalez*
Daniel Reasoner

Drums—Eric Hagstrom*
Brett Kramer*

Percussion—Paul Stengel
(special guest)

*—Jazz Studies major

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PROGRAM

GO-GO / Bob Mintzer

Originally written and performed by Bob Mintzer for the Yellowjackets “Time Squared” CD, this big band version is filled with unexpected twists and turns and requires a triplet-based swing feel similar to hip-hop. Mintzer was inspired by “Go-Go” music that is indigenous to Washington D.C. and made popular soul sensation Chuck Brown. Today’s soloists include Anibal Seminario (tenor sax), Tony Escoto (piano), and Devin Martinez (alto sax).

YOU WIN SOME, YOU BLUES SOME / Lars Halle

This swinging blues excursion grabs the reins of tradition while sounding new and fresh. Solid orchestration and great arranging make this an effective programming choice. Swedish-born composer/arranger/drummer Lars Halle gives the ensemble every opportunity to showcase its strengths, and soloists are offered ample solo space. Featured soloists include Tony Escoto (piano), Jaren Cloud (tenor sax), Jaime Antonio (alto sax), Ian Holmquist (trumpet), Michael Beltran (trombone), Shane Savala (guitar), and Nick Pavlakovich (trombone).

BALLAD FOR A ROUGH YEAR / Frank Mantooth

Recorded by the Ashley Alexander Big Band in 1985 on the album “Powerslide,” this alto sax feature opens in a beautiful rock ballad style before launching into an irresistible double-time samba. The solo part includes written lines for the opening and ending sections with an improvised section (64 bars) between. Jaime Antonio is featured on alto saxophone.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE CADILLAC CLUB /
arr. Mike Crotty

This infectious shuffle tune by Bob Berg appears on his recording “Short Stories.” Mike Crotty, former arranger for the U.S. Air Force Band, arranged this modern classic for big band and preserved the character and intensity of the original version. The chart utilizes a driving shuffle groove to keep the listener totally engaged. Soloists include Anibal Seminario (tenor sax), Michael Beltran (trombone), and Tadashi Kuriyama (guitar).

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Each year the Jazz Studies program at the Bob Cole Conservatory presents multiple performances by two big bands, two vocal jazz ensembles, and 8-9 jazz combos. To offer this many “Jazz At The Beach” events, we must attract a lot of developing jazz talent from high schools, community colleges, and universities throughout the United States. But it is impossible for us to accomplish our goals and objectives without assistance. All of us at “Jazz At The Beach” are very grateful for the generous support of the individuals and organizations below:

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We wish to give a special thanks to the honorary 18th member of the Concert Jazz Orchestra, Helen Borgers from KKJZ 88.1. She goes to great lengths to help us promote our performances and honors us by serving as the emcee for “Jazz At The Beach” events. We love you Helen.

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ESCOLA DE SAMBA / Jeff Jarvis

A samba school (in Portuguese: Escola de samba) refers to dancing school Brazil. They are devoted to practicing and exhibiting samba, an African-Brazilian dance, for various events, the most important being the world famous annual celebration called “Carnival.” Jeff Jarvis captured the essence of the Brazilian samba and partido alto rhythms and used them in a big band setting. We’re pleased to add percussionist Paul Stengel to the band for this piece. Today’s soloists include Shane Savala (guitar), Tony Escoto (piano), and Ian Holmquist (trumpet).

THAT’S WHAT I THOUGHT / Paul McKee

Former Woody Herman trombonist Paul McKee composed and arranged this for the Jazz Division of the Illinois Music Educator’s Association for the 2001 Illinois All-State Jazz Ensemble. The dynamic tune and rhythmically complex chart features challenging horn lines, wonderful ensemble work, and two open solo sections (sheet with written solo lines included). The piece comes full circle as the introduction is reprised to set up the final chord. Featured soloists include Anibal Seminario (tenor sax), Tony Escoto (piano), and Devin Martinez (alto sax).

LATIN DANCE / Bob Mintzer

Recorded on the very first DMP recording of the Bob Mintzer Big Band, this intriguing Latin original not only showcases the unique and engaging writing and arranging style of the composer, but the ability of the Studio Jazz Band to negotiate this difficult work. Today we will be joined by percussionist Paul Stengel, thus adding authenticity to the performance. Everyone is put to the test throughout this exciting excursion. Soloists include Jaren Cloud (tenor sax), Devin Martinez (alto sax), Tony Escoto (piano), Brett Kramer (drums), and Paul Stengel (percussion).

STEPHANIE’S SONG / Gene Thorne

Set in 6/4 time, the lyrical ECM style provides striking contrast on programs dominated by swing tunes. The lead sax part is written for soprano doubling on flute, with the other saxes doubling on flute, clarinet, and/or bass clarinet. All five trumpets doubling on flugelhorn as well, and solo space goes to soprano and flugelhorn. Today’s soloists are Jaime Antonio (soprano sax), Shane Savala (guitar), and Eric Hagstrom (drums).

TRI-BOP / Bill Liston

This cleverly conceived swing chart is an intriguing piece that begins with a great introduction in the style of Thelonious Monk. It was commissioned by John Rush of the Los Alamitos School District and is effective regardless of where you programming it. Bill Liston, a CSULB alum, is in great demand as a film and video game composer, orchestrator, and studio musician. Featured soloists include Jaime Antonio (alto ax), Daniel Reasoner (bass), and Anibal Seminario (tenor sax).