

**Santa Monica High School**

**JAZZ  
BAND**

**BARNUM HALL  
at Santa Monica High School**

**January 19th, 2010  
7:00 pm**

**Featuring  
Special Guest Artist**

**Bob Mintzer**

**Under the direction of  
Tom Whaley and Mike Corrigan**

## Guest Artist Bob Mintzer

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In the jazz world, Bob Mintzer is a household name usually associated with being a saxophonist, bass clarinetist, composer, arranger, leader of a Grammy-winning big band, member of the Yellowjackets and educator.

Bob has written over 200 big band arrangements spanning a 34-year career, many of which are performed all over the world by both student and pro bands. His own big band has been nominated for four Grammy awards and won a Grammy for best large jazz ensemble recording in 2001 with *Homage to Count Basie* on the DMP label. Bob has recorded 26 solo recordings with both big band and small jazz ensembles. He is an 18-year member of the Grammy award-winning band Yellowjackets, and has recorded 12 CDs with them.

Bob tours four months out of the year with the 'Jackets'. Bob has published four jazz etude books (Belwin Jazz), a solo transcription book (Belwin Jazz), a saxophone method book (Kendor Music), four saxophone quartets (Kendor Music), close to 200 big band arrangements (Kendor Music, Belwin Jazz), and has composed several pieces for orchestra. His "Rhythm of the Americas" piece for sax quartet and orchestra (or concert band) was premiered in 2001 by the American Saxophone Quartet and the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. His "Concertino for Tenor Saxophone, Strings and Winds" was premiered in NYC by the St Lukes Chamber Ensemble in 1992.

Bob has had a diverse career as a freelance musician in New York City. He has recorded with Steve Winwood, James Taylor, Aretha Franklin, and Queen. He's toured with Buddy Rich, Thad Jones, Mel Lewis, Jaco Pastorius, Tito Puente, Eddie Palmieri. He's worked with the New York Philharmonic and the American Ballet Theatre. Bob has been on the faculty of Manhattan School of Music and recently joined the faculty of USC in Los Angeles. He performs 20 workshops at universities all over the globe annually.

# The Program

## Santa Monica High School Jazz Band 2

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Under the direction of Mr. Mike Corrigan

**Front Burner**

Arranged by Sammy Nestico

**St. Thomas**

Composed by Sonny Rollins &  
arranged by Mark Taylor

**My Funny Valentine**

Arranged by Sammy Nestico

**Jump-Start**

Arranged by Matt Harris

**Valero**

Composed and arranged by  
James Swearingen

## Santa Monica High School Jazz Band 1

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Under the direction of Mr. Tom Whaley

**Life of the Party**

Composed and arranged by Bob Mintzer

**Go Go**

Composed and arranged by Bob Mintzer

**Carla**

Composed and arranged by Bob Mintzer

**Inner Urge** *Samohi Jazz Quartet*

Composed by Joe Henderson

**New Rochelle**

Composed and arranged by Bob Mintzer

**TV Blues**

Composed and arranged by Bob Mintzer

**Latin Dance**

Composed and arranged by Bob Mintzer

# The Musicians

## Santa Monica High School Jazz Band 1

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### Alto Saxophone

Andrew Ohanian  
Spencer Danielson

Greg Stearns  
Alvin Bui  
Skye Menzies-  
Langabeer

### Bass

Sam Bencivengo

### Tenor Saxophone

Scott Operman  
Haley Hill

### Trombones

Kyle McCreight  
Layne Faler  
Evan Simonsen  
Ali Chamas

### Guitar

Jake Noveck

### Baritone Saxophone

Gigi Lake

### Drums

Luke Bencivengo  
Aziz Yehia

### Piano

Steven Gordon

### Percussion

Jason Pitts

### Trumpets

Aaron Rennell  
Nick Sardo

### Jazz Vocalist

Jane Kivnick

## Santa Monica High School Jazz Band 2

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### Alto Saxophone

Jose Sepulveda  
Alistair Nevell  
Julie Edwards  
Maura Monagan  
Jessica Deese

### Trumpets

Eli Brown  
Christian Tomita  
Alex Sepulveda

### Bass

Aaron Pomerantz  
Christian Reichle

### Tenor Saxophone

Mackenzie Moody  
Caitlin Thompson  
Mayu Isom  
Caitlyn Brady

### Trombones

Gabe Levin  
Matthew Corrigan  
Hannah Squier  
Chelsea Harmon  
Greg Boehm  
David Newton

### Drum Set

Gyasi Jackson  
Emory Mugalian

### Baritone Saxophone

Carlos Llamas

### Piano

Sam Harashou  
Cody O'Connell

### Percussion

Mariam Kaddoura

# Acknowledgements

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## **Santa Monica High School**

Mike Corrigan *Director of Bands*

Terry Sakow *Director of Bands*

Jeffe Huls *Director of Choral Music/*

*Performing Arts Chair*

Joni Swenson *Director of Orchestras*

Jason Aiello *Director of Orchestras*

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Leslie Wells *“H” House Principal*

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The Flourish Foundation

The Ella Fitzgerald Foundation

The Jazz Forum (*local jazz organization*)

The Bencivengo Family

The Noveck Family

The Gordon Family

# Calendar of Events

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## Santa Monica High School

**Saturday, 3/6**

Western States Jazz Festival  
Hosted by Upland High School  
565 West 11th St., Upland CA 91786

**Wednesday, 3/17**

Stairway Jazz Band Rehearsal  
at Malibu High School

**Thursday, 3/25**

Stairway of the Stars Concert

**Friday, 3/26**

at Santa Monica Civic Auditorium

**Saturday, 4/24**

Walk For Autism at the Pasadena Rose Bowl.  
Samohi Jazz Big Band and Quartet

**Saturday, 5/22**

Super Jazz at the Ranch Jazz Festival-  
26255 W. Valencia Boulevard  
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381  
661-222-1220

LA Farmers Market Jazz Band Competition  
*dates to be announced*

**Santa Monica High School**

