



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

June 2004

## The Blue Devils

### BD Alums Participate in Recording Sessions

Two recording sessions were held on March 13th and May 4th to provide tracks for the much-anticipated BD Alumni CD. The tracks were recorded by everybody's favorite recording guru, and Emmy winner, Frank Dorritie. The first session featured a full ensemble (trumpets, French horns, trombones, tubas and set drums) of alums and guest artists. They performed sizzling renditions of BD classics *Everybody Loves the Blues* (1983) and *Dindi* (1980, 1981). Wayne Downey's *Everybody Loves the Blues* arrangement featured extended solo work by soloist Eric Schedin, now a jazz improvisation educator in Lexington, MA, Jeff Lynn, long time BD super-soloist and current Blast! soloist, Adam Rapa, East Coast Jazz soloist and current Blast! and CyberJam soloist, and alum Roland Garceau, Renegades and former Brigadiers super-screamer. *Dindi* featured original legendary soloist, Larrie Dastrup recreating his gate turns solo along with Travis Gould, classical trumpet virtuoso completing the duet.

The second session featured eight fabulous French horn alumni performers playing lushly-arranged BD favorites, *My Spanish Heart*, *One More Time*, *Chuck Corea*, *La Fiesta* and *Pegasus*. Six members of the octet flew in from as far away as New York City. Arrangements by alum Chris Nalls were beautifully performed. Bob Higgins from Toledo, Ohio conducted the group. Many individuals were featured including Chris Komer, a prominent New York musician, who performed intricate jazz improvisation sections (yes, jazz french horn!) and Chris Nalls, (Renegade director), and self-proclaimed "freak of nature", played ridiculously high notes perfectly in-tune.

**This fantastic CD will be available for purchase this summer on the web and at the BD souvenir stand.** It surpassed all of the expectations for quality and excitement and show how generous alums are with their time and talent. Comments such as, "this is the most fun I've have in a long time" and "we have to do this again real soon" and "I can't believe how many great musicians have come from the Blue Devils" were repeatedly heard. See page 12 for a complete listing of individuals who participated.

BD Alumni CD  
Available in June!

Chris Komer  
Alumni Spotlight

Alumni Memories  
Through Pictures

Don Barrozo and  
The Simpsons®

A Fond Farewell  
to Jerry Seawright

Three BD Alumni Elected  
to DCI Hall of Fame

*Pictured below: Mars, California*

