The ARTICULATE JAZZ MUSICIAN Mastering the Language of Jazz

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As the president of Caleb Chapman Music, Caleb directs over 170 young musicians in ten elite ensembles. This includes the acclaimed Crescent Super Band, which has frequently been hailed as one of the best professional bands in the world to be comprised entirely of young musicians. In 2011 Caleb was named the "John LaPorta International Jazz Educator of the Year," one of the highest honors in music education. He has also received awards as "Best K-12 Educator" and "Best Music Educator" for the state of Utah.

Caleb's bands have been honored with 17 DownBeat Awards and featured at many of the world's most prestigious jazz festivals and venues. His program has twice received the Best of State Statue Award, marking the program as the top organization in Arts and Entertainment by surpassing every other professional music, arts, and film group in Utah for the honor. Since 2001, they have performed with over 200 guest artists, including Randy Brecker, Joe Lovano, Christian McBride, Esperanza Spalding, Peter Erskine, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Gordon Goodwin, Bob Berg, Wayne Bergeron, Dave Weckl, Nicholas Payton, Lenny Pickett, Ernie Watts, and Bob Mintzer, to name a few. Additionally, his bands have received heavy airplay on the Sirius XM "Real Jazz" Channel.

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