

Concert and Masterclass by Dave Douglas

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Search for Dave Douglas and Brass Ecstasy on YouTube for several clips of this band.

Personnel is:

Dave Douglas - trumpet

Vincent Chancey - french horn

Luis Bonilla - trombone

Matt Perrine - sousaphone

Jakubu Griffin - drums

From "The Jazz Observer" in a review of a recent performance at Yoshi's in Oakland:

Tapping a vein that spans centuries and continents, Douglas and his merry band channeled the street musics of New Orleans and Central Europe, mixing intricate improvisation with the brash exuberance of kids jamming in the Times Square subway station. This is a group that should be heard.