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TREME BRASS BAND

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New Orleans' legendary Treme Brass Band has played traditional New Orleans brass band music for decades and is loved all around the world. The musicians of Treme Brass Band are survivors.

Treme Brass Band gained fans around the world via the HBO show "Treme" as well as appearances in Spike Lee's documentary "When The Levees Broke" and the popular television show NCIS New Orleans on CBS.

We have two weekly gigs in New Orleans: every Tuesday at d.b.a. on Frenchmen Street and every Wednesdays at our home base: the Candlelight Lounge in the heart of the Treme neighborhood. You can also catch us at many other clubs, festivals and second-lines all around New Orleans, and around the world.

REVIEWS

'New Orleans brass bands have recently taken their inspiration from one of two camps: either revival-oriented neo-traditionalists or younger bands tending toward funk and hip hop. The Treme Brass Band expertly draws on both worlds to create what sounds like primitive Dixieland married to a rock-steady groove. This superbly recorded CD emphasizes a traditional repertoire, but leaves plenty of room for what has allowed New Orleans brass band music to endure for more than a hundred years: a loose-as-a-goose, swinging parade beat that absorbs various influences and produces true 'soul' music, a synthesis of the secular and the sacred. Arhoolie producer Chris Strachwitz and New Orleans documentarian Jerry Brock let the vibe breathe while capturing performances marked by exquisite musicianship. A similar accomplishment by the Excelsior Brass Band more than a decade ago caused Wynton Marsalis to rethink his entire approach to jazz. No telling what one listen to this authentically original, roots-of-all-American-roots music will do to you.'
Roger Hahn — East Bay Express

'Most welcome news in these quarters is the arrival of 'Gimme My Money Back,' an exhilarating collection of street music favorites and instant classics by the pride of the Sixth Ward, the Treme Brass band. Produced by Jerry Brock for Chris Strachwitz' Arhoolie Records, 'Gimme My Money Back!' combines a set of studio performances cut at Willie Tee's with the band's stellar live set from then 3rd Annual Brass Band Blowout at the Louisiana Music Factory during Jazz Fest 1995. The highlight of the studio side is the title track, a rollicking new composition by trumpeter James Andrews that kicks off the CD in high style, while the live date culminates with the old Sixth Ward anthem called 'Food Stamps.' Spirituals ('Jesus on the Mainline,' 'Just a Closer Walk With Thee,' 'The Old Rugged Cross'), stomps and gut-bucket fun dominate this great new release by the Treme Brass Band, which also features classics like 'Hindustan,' 'Chinatown, My Chinatown,' 'Lady Be Good,' and 'Back O'Town Blues.' John Sinclair — Offbeat

Current members:

Benny Jones Sr., drummer, founder and our leader
Vernon Severin, drummer
Aron Lambert, drummer
Jon Gross, tuba
Terrance Taplin, trombone
Corey Henry, trombone
Cedric Wiley, saxophone
Roger Lewis, saxophone
John Prince Gilbert, saxophone
Shamarr Allen, trumpet
James Williams, trumpet
Mario Abney, trumpet

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