

# Swinging in New Orleans: The Holiday Session

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A festive New Orleans jazz celebration of holiday classics and an original composition – performed by a community of New Orleans musicians united by their sound, craft, and shared musical spirit.



Swinging in New Orleans: The Holiday Session blends classic Christmas melodies with the joyful, brassy spirit of New Orleans swing. Led by trombonist Stephen Walker, the album brings together a vibrant community of New Orleans musicians whose shared artistry shapes its sound. Recorded at SINO Sound Studio, these seven tracks capture the warmth, groove, and sparkle of holiday music – reimagined through the heartbeat of modern New Orleans.

## Quick Facts

- **Genre:** New Orleans Traditional Jazz · Holiday · Swing

- **Artist:** Swinging in New Orleans
- **Producers:** Stephen Walker & Chisoo Kim
- **Recorded at:** SINO Sound Studio, New Orleans, LA
- **Total Tracks:** 7
- **Running Time:** ~24 minutes

## Recommended Tracks for Radio

- Christmas Time in New Orleans
- Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
- Every Day Is Christmas with You

## RIYL (Recommended If You Like)

Louis Armstrong · Wynton Marsalis · Preservation Hall Jazz Band · Dr. Michael White · Tuba Skinny · Dukes of Dixieland · Ellis Marsalis · Hot 8 Brass Band · Harry Connick Jr. · New Orleans Jazz Vipers · Sidney Bechet · Johnny Dodds · Kid Ory · Jelly Roll Morton · George Lewis · Papa Celestin

## Album Description

Swinging in New Orleans: The Holiday Session brings together a community of New Orleans musicians for a joyful reimagining of holiday classics and an original composition written by trombonist Stephen Walker. Led by Walker, the album reflects the shared artistry and musical connection that give this group its character and spark. The result is a session that captures the warmth, humor, and heartbeat of New Orleans during the holidays.

Each arrangement — by Stephen Walker, Connor Stewart, Trevarri Huff-Boone, and Grayson Brockamp — highlights a different facet of the city's musical language: soulful swing, brassy celebration, modern harmony, and timeless groove. The ensemble shifts naturally between the fuller sound of a big-band horn section and the intimacy of a small group, with bassist Chisoo Kim and drummer Felix Allen providing the steady, driving foundation that gives each track its pulse. Pianist Karen Shiraishi appears throughout the album, with Joe Kennedy bringing his vocals and piano to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" for a distinct flavor in the set.

From the jubilant horn lines of "Sleigh Ride" to the tender warmth of "The Christmas Song," and the spirited sparkle of "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," the album celebrates community, creativity, and the simple joy of making music together. Recorded at SINO Sound Studio and mixed and mastered by Matthew Shilling, The Holiday Session offers a vibrant and heartfelt addition to New Orleans' holiday musical tradition.

## Track List

1. O Christmas Tree – 4:03
2. Christmas Time in New Orleans – 4:12
3. The Christmas Song – 2:40
4. Sleigh Ride – 2:47
5. Winter Wonderland – 3:28
6. Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree – 3:18
7. Every Day Is Christmas with You – 3:40

## Personnel & Credits

### O Christmas Tree

**Arranged by:** Stephen Walker

**Solos:** Stephen Walker (trombone)

Band:

Leon Brown (trumpet)

Connor Stewart (alto saxophone)

Trevorri Huff-Boone (tenor saxophone) Karen Shiraishi (piano)

Chisoo Kim (bass)

Felix Allen (drums)

### Christmas Time in New Orleans

**Arranged by:** Grayson Brockamp

**Solos:**

Leon Brown (vocals, trumpet), Stephen Walker (trombone),

Connor Stewart (alto saxophone), Aurélien Barnes (trumpet), Jean-Paul Brion (trombone),

Miles Barry (tenor saxophone), Trevorri Huff-Boone (baritone saxophone),

Sam Friend (guitar), Karen Shiraishi (piano),

Chisoo Kim (bass), Felix Allen (drums)

### The Christmas Song

**Arranged by:** Connor Stewart, Trevorri Huff-Boone

**Solos:**

Trevorri Huff-Boone (tenor saxophone), Connor Stewart (clarinet),

Karen Shiraishi (piano), Chisoo Kim (bass),

Felix Allen (drums)

### Sleigh Ride

**Arranged by:** Trevorri Huff-Boone

**Solos:**

Stephen Walker (trombone), Trevarri Huff-Boone (tenor saxophone)

Band:

Leon Brown (trumpet), Karen Shiraishi (piano),

Chisoo Kim (bass), Felix Allen (drums)

## **Winter Wonderland**

**Arranged by:** Stephen Walker, Trevarri Huff-Boone

**Vocals:** Sam Friend

Solos:

Stephen Walker (trombone), Leon Brown (trumpet),

Trevarri Huff-Boone (tenor saxophone), Karen Shiraishi (piano),

Chisoo Kim (bass), Felix Allen (drums)

## **Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree**

**Arranged by** Grayson Brockamp

Solos:

Trevarri Huff-Boone (baritone saxophone)

Joe Kennedy (vocals, piano)

Leon Brown (trumpet)

Aurélien Barnes (trumpet)

Jean-Paul Brion (trombone)

Connor Stewart (alto saxophone)

Miles Barry (tenor saxophone)

Chisoo Kim (bass)

Felix Allen (drums)

## **Every Day Is Christmas with You**

**Arranged by** Grayson Brockamp

**Vocals:** David L. Harris

**Solo:** Stephen Walker (trombone)

Band:

Leon Brown (trumpet)

Aurélien Barnes (trumpet)

Jean-Paul Brion (trombone)

Connor Stewart (alto saxophone)

Miles Barry (tenor saxophone)

Trevarri Huff-Boone (baritone saxophone)

Sam Friend (guitar)

Karen Shiraishi (piano)

Chisoo Kim (bass)

Felix Allen (drums)

# Technical Credits

**Sound Engineers:** Cody Coulon, Trevarri Huff-Boone

**Mixing & Mastering:** Matthew Shilling

**Executive Producers:** Stephen Walker & Chisoo Kim

**Produced by:** Stephen Walker

**Recorded at:** SINO Sound Studio, New Orleans, LA

## Press Photos

Download the complete set of high-resolution press photos:

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