

Swinging in New Orleans: The Trad Jazz Session Vol. 1

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A vibrant New Orleans jazz recording featuring a community of the city's leading traditional musicians – capturing the spirit, spontaneity, and collective energy of the live session.



Swinging in New Orleans: The Trad Jazz Session Vol. 1 captures the sound of New Orleans traditional jazz as it lives today – rooted in history, driven by swing, and brought to life by a community of musicians who carry the tradition forward.

Led by trombonist Stephen Walker and produced alongside bassist Chisoo Kim, the album brings together an intergenerational lineup of New Orleans artists recorded across multiple sessions in the city.

Rather than a heavily constructed studio project, The Trad Jazz Session Vol. 1 documents musicians playing together in real time – highlighting collective improvisation, rhythmic drive, and the conversational interplay that define the tradition. The result is a recording that reflects both the legacy and the present-day vitality of New Orleans jazz.



Quick Facts

- **Genre:** New Orleans Traditional Jazz · Swing
- **Artist:** Swinging in New Orleans
- **Producers:** Stephen Walker & Chisoo Kim
- **Recorded at:** Esplanade Studios, Butcher Studios, and SINO Sound Studio, New Orleans, LA
- Total Tracks: 10
- Running Time: ~56 minutes



Recommended Tracks for Radio

- Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone
- Perdido Street Blues
- Tea for Two



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 Trad Jazz Session Vol. 1 brings together a cross-section of New Orleans traditional jazz musicians for a recording that reflects the living tradition of the city.

Featuring a rotating lineup of respected players across multiple sessions, the album spans classic repertoire central to the New Orleans canon – from early jazz standards to enduring swing-era compositions – interpreted through the voices of musicians actively shaping the scene today.

The recording balances the power of ensemble-driven collective improvisation with more intimate moments, allowing individual voices to emerge within the group sound. Pianists, drummers, and frontline players shift across tracks, creating a dynamic and organic listening experience grounded in authenticity.

Recorded across multiple studios in New Orleans and mixed and mastered by Matthew Shilling, The Trad Jazz Session Vol. 1 stands as a document of New Orleans jazz as it is played now – communal, spontaneous, and deeply rooted in tradition.



Track List

1. Everybody Loves My Baby – 5:16
2. Canal Street Blues – 5:02
3. Please Don't Talk About Me When I'm Gone – 5:22
4. Fidgety Feet – 6:27
5. Perdido Street Blues – 3:47
6. Shine – 5:44
7. Tea for Two – 7:10
8. Who's Sorry Now? – 5:02
9. Mahogany Hall Stomp – 4:14
10. Way Down Yonder in New Orleans – 7:21



Personnel

Trombone

Stephen Walker – all tracks

Trumpet

Leon Brown – all tracks except 4 & 8

Gregg Stafford – tracks 4 & 8

Clarinet / Saxophone

Bruce Brackman – clarinet (tracks 1 & 9)

Connor Stewart – alto saxophone (tracks 3 & 7); clarinet (tracks 4 & 8)

Dr. Michael White – clarinet (tracks 2 & 5)

Piano

Jérémie Henan – tracks 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10

Joe Kennedy – tracks 4 & 8

Paul Longstreth – tracks 3 & 7

Bass

Mark Brooks – tracks 3 & 7

Chisoo Kim – all tracks except 3 & 7

Banjo

Sam Friend – tracks 2 & 5

Drums

Felix Allen – tracks 6 & 10

Gerald French – tracks 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9

Trenton O'Neal – tracks 4 & 8

Vocal

Leon Brown – tracks 1, 3, 6, 10

Gregg Stafford – track 8

Personnel varies by track.



Technical Credits

Sound Engineer: Cody Coulon

Mixing: Cody Coulon

Mastering: Matthew Shilling

Executive Producers: Stephen Walker & Chisoo Kim

Produced by: Stephen Walker

Recorded at: Esplanade Studios, Butcher Studios, and SINO Sound Studio,
New Orleans, LA

Press Photos & Media

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